



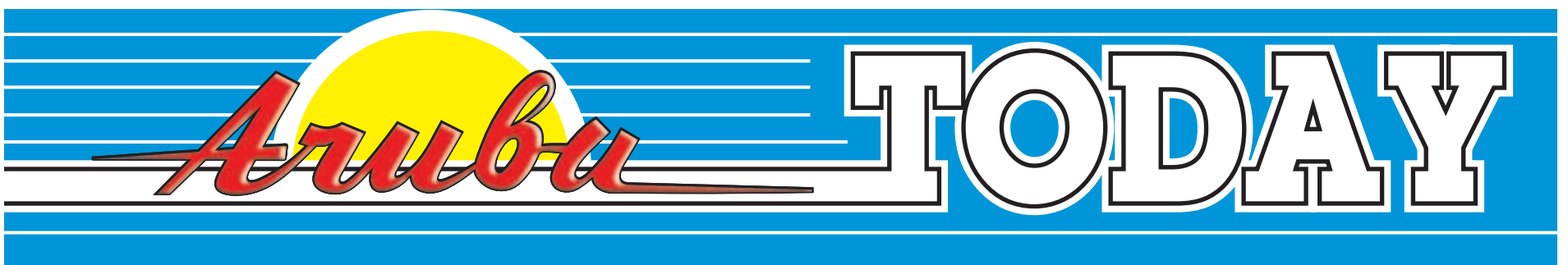
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OBAMA WELCOMES NEW IRAQI LEADERS



President Barack Obama pauses as he speaks about developments in Iraq, Monday, Aug. 11, 2014, from his vacation residence in Chilmark, Mass., during his family vacation on the island of Martha's Vineyard. Obama is giving his approval to the appointment of a prime minister to replace Nouri al-Maliki and urging the formation of a new government in Iraq as soon as possible.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

President Declares "Step Forward" Amid Airstrikes

**JULIE PACE
NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press**

CHILMARK, Mass. (AP) — President Barack Obama welcomed new leadership in Iraq as "a promising step forward" Monday amid a political and security cri-

sis in Baghdad, saying the only lasting solution is the formation of an inclusive government.

Obama did not mention Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki but clearly was addressing the embattled incumbent as he called for Iraqi

political leaders to work peacefully through a political transition.

"These have been difficult days in Iraq," Obama said outside his rented vacation home on Martha's Vineyard. "I'm sure there are going to be difficult days

ahead."

Obama's remarks came as the U.S. conducted more airstrikes against the advance of Islamic State militants in northern Iraq. In Washington, Lt. Gen. William Mayville, the director of operations for the Joint

Chiefs of Staff, told reporters that the 15 targeted strikes have slowed the Islamic State's advance but done little to degrade the militants' capacity as a fighting force.

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President declares “step forward” amid airstrikes

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“In the immediate areas where we’ve focused our strikes we’ve had a very temporary effect,” Mayville said. “I in no way want to suggest that we have effectively contained — or that we are somehow breaking the momentum of the threat posed by” the Islamic State group.

Amid the security threat loomed a potential political crisis. New Iraqi President Fouad Massoum selected the deputy parliament speaker, Haider al-Abadi, as al-Maliki’s replacement. Al-Maliki accused Massoum of carrying out “a coup against the constitution and the political process” with al-Abadi’s nomination. Al-Maliki insisted he should maintain his position as prime minister.

The U.S. is backing the new leadership. Obama said he and Vice President Joe Biden called al-Abadi Monday to urge him to form a new cabinet as soon as possible.

“The only lasting solution is for Iraqis to come together and form an inclusive government,” Obama said in brief remarks to reporters. The Obama administration has begun directly providing weapons to Kurdish forces who have started to make gains against the Islamic State, senior U.S. officials said, but the aid has so far been limited to automatic rifles and ammunition.

Previously, the U.S. sold arms in Iraq only to the government in Baghdad, which has largely failed in recent years to transfer them to the Kurdish forces in the north, American of-

ficials have said. Baghdad made some transfers with American help in recent days, since U.S. airstrikes began to support Kurdish forces fighting off the

ent shift in U.S. policy. The militants have “obtained some heavy weaponry, and the Kurds need additional arms and we’re providing those — there’s

and how we can expand that support,” Mayville said, adding that the Kurds need ammunition and some heavy weapons that are effective against the



U.S. F/A-18 fighter jets take off for mission in Iraq from the flight deck of the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush, in the Persian Gulf, Monday, Aug. 11, 2014. U.S. military officials said American fighter aircraft struck and destroyed several vehicles Sunday that were part of an Islamic State group convoy moving to attack Kurdish forces defending the northeastern Iraqi city of Irbil.

(AP Photo/Hasan Jamali)

Islamic State advance toward the northern city of Irbil.

But U.S. officials decided to begin their own deliveries. The Kurdish peshmerga fighters had been losing ground to Islamic State militants in recent weeks, in part because they were outgunned and at times ran out of ammunition, officials said.

A Kurdish government official said the U.S. weapons already are being directly sent to Irbil — where U.S. personnel are based — consist mostly of light arms like AK-47s and ammunition.

The State Department sought to downplay the significance of the appar-

nothing new here,” said department spokeswoman Jen Psaki.

But Mayville did not dispute the policy shift. He said the government in Baghdad had provided some weapons to the Kurds in recent days, but he said the need was so great that the U.S. government had to get involved, and is looking to do more. The needs of Kurdish forces are “pretty substantial,” he said. “We want to help them with that effort.” Nonetheless, Mayville said, “There are no plans to expand the current air campaign” to target Islamic state leaders or logistical hubs, beyond the Kurdish plan.

“We are looking at plans

Islamic state’s “technical vehicles” and longer range guns.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military said American fighter jets carried out airstrikes on four checkpoints manned by Sunni militants in northwest Iraq near where thousands of minority Yazidi refugees have been trapped on a mountain to escape violence.

The strikes outside the city of Sinjar either destroyed or damaged the checkpoints and nearby vehicles that were used by the Islamic State militant group, the military said.

At least one of the vehicles destroyed was a Humvee truck, and another was an armed personnel carrier. □

LATIN BRIEFS Venezuela and Colombia close border at night

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuela will close its border with Colombia at night to crack down on the smuggling of oil and food. While the socialist country grapples with shortages of basic pantry staples, some people are making a killing selling heavily subsidized oil and pantry staples in Colombian border towns. Venezuelan Gen. Vladimir Padrino announced this weekend that the 1,400 mile border will be closed between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Colombia agreed to the closure after President Nicolas Maduro met with his Colombian counterpart Juan Manuel Santos earlier this month. Venezuelans pay pennies for a gallon of gas and can buy many grocery items for less than a dollar, when they can find them. Widespread shortages were among the factors that sparked a bloody street protest movement this spring.

Panama chief: drought may limit shipping

PANAMA CITY (AP)

— The head of the Panama Canal Authority says officials might be forced to limit the draft of ships by the end of this year or early in 2015 if a drought continues and lowers the level of lakes that feed the waterway’s locks. Jorge Luis Quintano tells Panama’s Channel 2 television station that unusually light rainfall has dropped the level of Lakes Gatun and Alajuela. He says he’s hoping for healthy rainfall in the normally rainy months of October, November and December. But he noted in the weekend interview that last November’s rains were the lowest for that period in the 100-year history of the canal. Thirty-eight to 40 ships transit the canal daily between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, carrying some 5 percent of world maritime trade. □

US fighters pound Islamic State checkpoints

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. fighter jets have carried out airstrikes on four checkpoints manned by Sunni militants in northwest Iraq near where thousands of minority Yazidi refugees have been trapped on a

mountain to escape violence. The U.S. military said in a statement Monday that the strikes outside the city of Sinjar either destroyed or damaged the checkpoints and nearby vehicles that were used by the Islamic

State militant group.

At least one of the vehicles destroyed was a Humvee truck, and another was an armed personnel carrier.

The militants have been using U.S. military equipment that they seized from Iraqi

Army forces.

All the airstrikes were carried out over a three-hour period Monday.

It was unknown if the strikes killed any militants. The fighter jets were unharmed in the mission. □

Witnesses: Unarmed teen shot with his hands raised

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Associated Press

FERGUSON, Missouri (AP)

— A black teenager who was fatally shot by a police officer had his hands raised when the officer approached him with his weapon drawn and fired repeatedly, according to two men who said they witnessed the shooting, which sparked a night of unrest in suburban St. Louis.

The FBI opened an investigation Monday into the death of 18-year-old Michael Brown, who police said was shot multiple times Saturday after being confronted by an officer in Ferguson, a 21,000-resident suburb that's nearly 70 percent black.

Authorities were vague about exactly what led the officer to open fire, except to say that the shooting was preceded by a scuffle of some kind. It was unclear whether Brown or a man he was with was involved in the altercation.

The killing drew criticism from some civil rights leaders, who referred to the 2012 racially charged shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin by a Florida neighborhood watch organizer who was acquitted of murder charges.

Investigators have refused to publicly disclose the race of the officer, who is now on administrative leave. But Phillip Walker said he was on the porch of an apartment complex overlooking the scene when he heard a shot and saw a white officer with Brown on the street.

Brown "was giving up in the sense of raising his arms and being subdued," Walker told The Associated Press on Monday. The officer "had his gun raised and started shooting the individual in the chest multiple times." The officer then "stood over him and shot him" after the victim fell wounded.

Dorian Johnson offered a similar account when he told WALB-TV that he and Brown were walking home from a convenience store when a police officer told them to get out of the street

and onto the sidewalk. Johnson said they kept walking, which caused the officer to confront them from his car and again after getting out of his car.

Johnson said the first time the officer fired, he and Brown got scared and ran away. "He shot again, and

once my friend felt that shot, he turned around and put his hands in the air, and he started to get down," Johnson said. "But the officer still approached with his weapon drawn and fired several more shots."

"We wasn't causing harm to nobody," Johnson said.

"We had no weapons on us at all."

Walker acknowledged that he did not see a scuffle or the circumstances surrounding the first gunshot. The St. Louis County Police Department refused to discuss Johnson's remarks, citing the ongoing investi-

gation. But county Police Chief Jon Belmar previously said that an officer encountered Brown and another man outside an apartment complex, and that one of the men pushed the officer into his squad car and they struggled over the officer's weapon. □



"All of my friends have been killed. I'm sick of it," yelled protestor Jamell Spann at police officers in riot gear that were clearing demonstrators from the area surrounding the Ferguson police station on S. Florissant Road in downtown Ferguson, Mo., on Monday, Aug. 11, 2014. Hundreds arrived to rally against the Saturday police shooting of Michael Brown.

(AP Photo/St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Robert Cohen)

Judges extends temporary halt to Ohio executions

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AP Legal Affairs Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)

— A federal judge has extended a months-long moratorium on executions in Ohio into next year as questions mount about the effectiveness of a new, two-drug combination being used to carry out the death penalty.

The debate over the death penalty has been intensified in America and lethal injection has been under increased scrutiny after executions went awry in Ohio, Oklahoma and Arizona.

The Ohio ruling by federal judge Gregory Frost will delay executions scheduled for September, October, November and January and highlights the ongoing problem faced by states in obtaining drugs to put inmates to death.

The last moratorium was scheduled to expire this week.

The one-page order by Frost issued Friday extends it through Jan. 15. It affects Ohio's latest death penalty policy change, which was announced in late April and increases the amount of the sedative and painkiller Ohio uses.

Ohio's first choice for a drug is compounded pentobarbital, a specialty version of the drug it used previously with few problems. But it has been unable to obtain supplies of compounded pentobarbital and so switched to its backup method of the sedative midazolam and the painkiller hydromorphone.

Missouri and Texas both have supplies of compounded pentobarbital, though the states won't

reveal their sources, and have used them to carry out several executions successfully in recent months. The two states are scheduled to carry out the country's next executions, both on Sept. 10. Allen Bohnert, the lead defense attorney challenging the use of the two-drug method, declined to comment. A message was left with the state prisons agency. Back in January, Ohio inmate Dennis McGuire snorted and gasped for 26 minutes before dying. A few months later, Clayton Lockett died of an apparent heart attack 43 minutes after his April execution began in Oklahoma, where officials have pointed to improper insertion of the needle delivering the drugs.

When Joseph Rudolph Wood was put to death

last month in Arizona, he gasped more than 600 times while he lay on the table and took nearly two hours to die. Most lethal injections kill in a fraction of that time, often within 10 or 15 minutes. Governors in Ohio, Oklahoma and Arizona have ordered investigations. The three states all use midazolam, a drug that is more commonly given to help patients relax before surgery. In executions, it is part of a two- or three-drug lethal injection. For decades, states used the same three-drug formula for lethal injections: a sedative that rendered the inmate unconscious, usually sodium thiopental, followed by a paralytic agent, usually pancuronium bromide, and finally the drug that stopped the heart, potassium chloride. □

Clinton distinguishes herself from Obama policies

**NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press**

EDGARTOWN, Massachusetts (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton made her most aggressive effort yet to distinguish herself from her former boss, President Barack Obama, rebuking his cautious approach to global crises and saying the U.S. doctrine has to go beyond "don't do stupid stuff."

Clinton laid out a foreign policy vision ahead of a possible run for president in a weekend magazine interview.

"Great nations need organizing principles, and 'don't do stupid stuff' is not an organizing principle," Clinton said, referring to a version of the phrase Obama and his advisers have used privately to describe his approach to foreign policy. Asked for her organizing principle, she replied: "Peace, progress, and prosperity. This worked for a very long time."

Clinton's critiques come as she weighs whether to seek the White House in 2016, and as Obama wrestles with tough choices on how the U.S. should engage in

disputes erupting across the world.

In a wide-ranging interview

ing defense of Israel's battle against Hamas in Gaza and argued against

Bashar Assad. Clinton previously described her advocacy

ing the State Department. Obama has said supporting the rebels would not have stopped al-Qaida-inspired groups from rampaging across Syria and inside Iraq today.

Clinton and then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta reportedly argued for arming the rebels who first stood up to Assad three years ago. Since then, the question of "arming the rebels" has become more complicated, as al-Qaida-linked and other fundamentalist Islamist groups have joined the rebellion.

She told The Atlantic she can't say definitively that her recommendations as secretary of state would have made a difference, but "the failure to do that left a big vacuum, which the jihadists have now filled."

In describing what she means by "peace, progress, and prosperity," Clinton said Americans want to take care of each other and do so in a way that rewards those who work hard and play by the rules. "And yeah, we don't want to see the world go to hell in a handbasket, and they don't want to see a resurgence of aggression by anybody," she said.

The White House declined to respond to Clinton's comments, but said her team gave them a heads up before the interview was published.

Clinton wrapped her critiques in expressions of respect for the president's intellect and sympathy for the tough decisions he grapples with from the Oval Office. On Monday, a vacation day for Obama, he dealt with issues involving Iraq, Ukraine, Gaza, Syria, as well as terrorism and Ebola in Africa.

"He's thoughtful, he's incredibly smart, and able to analyze a lot of different factors that are all moving at the same time," she said. "I think he is cautious because he knows what he inherited, both the two wars and the economic front, and he has expended a lot of capital and energy trying to pull us out of the hole we're in." □



This July 2014 photo shows former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton as she greets a customer during a book signing of her new book "Hard Choices" at Northshire Bookstore in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Clinton has made her most aggressive effort yet to distinguish herself from her former boss, rebuking President Barack Obama for his cautious approach to global crises and saying foreign policy has to go beyond "don't do stupid stuff." Clinton did so in a weekend magazine interview that lays out a foreign policy vision ahead of a possible run for president.

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with The Atlantic published on its website, Clinton offered an uncompromis-

Obama's decision not to build up a fighting force to confront Syrian President

for the Syrian rebellion in "Hard Choices," her memoir about her time lead-

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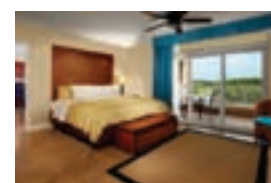
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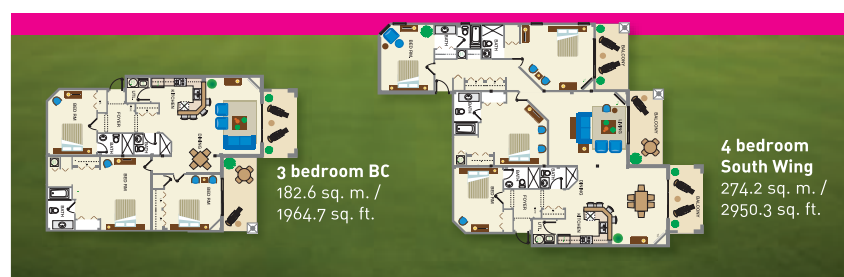
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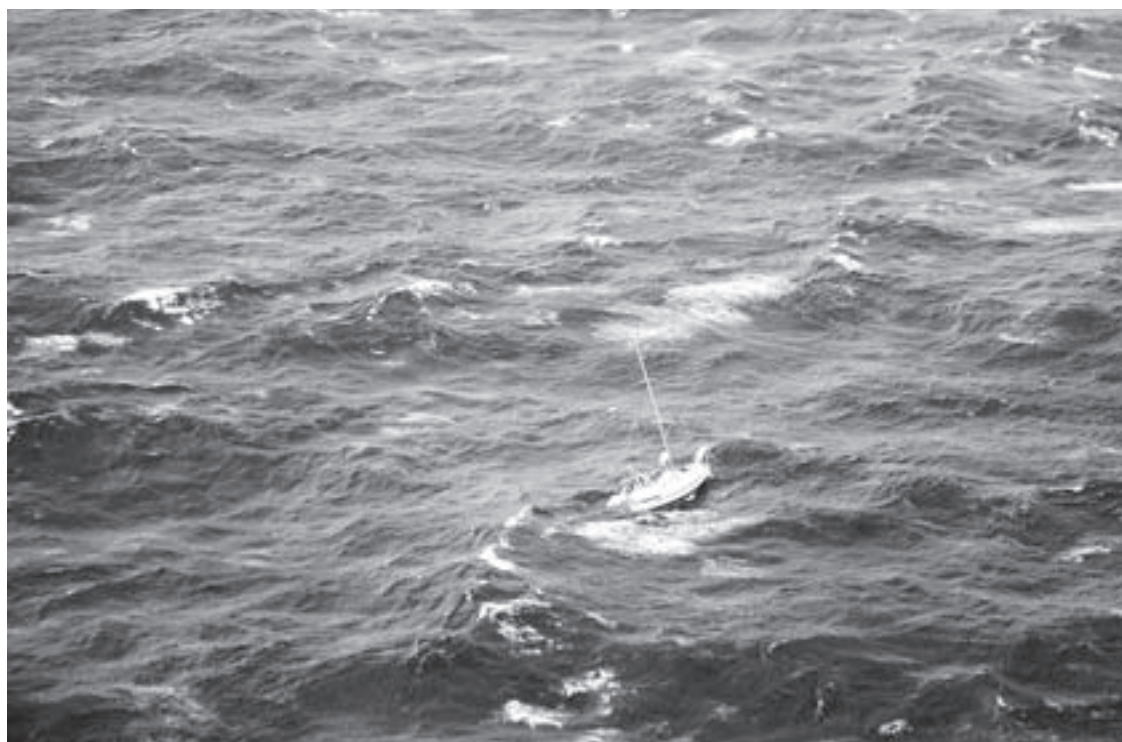
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Ship rescues 3 stranded in rough seas off Hawaii



This photo provided by the U.S. Coast Guard shows the 42-foot sailboat Walkabout caught in Hurricane Julio, about 400 miles northeast of Oahu, Hawaii. A container ship crew on Monday rescued the three people on board. (AP Photo/U.S. Coast Guard)

JENNIFER KELLEHER
Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — A container ship crew on Monday rescued three people who were stranded in a sailboat off the Hawaiian islands for about 24 hours as Hurricane Julio battered their vessel with giant waves and high winds that ripped off one of its hatches. The sailors made it on to the container ship at about 8 a.m., Coast Guard Chief

Warrant Officer Gene Maestas said. They were in good condition, he said. The three people got into trouble while sailing the 42-foot (13-meter) Walkabout from California to Hawaii, Maestas said. The Coast Guard said it received their message for help Sunday morning after the boat became disabled and took on water. The sailboat was stranded in 30-foot (9-meter) seas and winds of up to 115

mph (185 kph), according to the agency. One of its hatches blew away, and onboard pumps couldn't keep up with the flooding. Gusts also carried the vessel's life raft overboard. The Matson Inc. container ship was on its way to deliver goods to Honolulu and was the closest vessel that could help. It reached the Walkabout around 10 p.m. Sunday. "It was so far away we could not send a helicop-

ter that could make the journey," Petty Officer Melissa McKenzie said about why the Coast Guard had to coordinate the rescue with the container ship. But the giant vessel needed better conditions before it could save the stranded sailors. Operations Specialist Andrew Lincoln said crews had to wait until dawn to start the evacuation because performing the rescue before first light, in the midst of rough weather, was too dangerous. "The seas were really bad, and it's kind of windy so they didn't want to do it in the dark," he said. Conditions eventually calmed, and crew members positioned the container ship so it wouldn't knock over the sailboat.

They then tied a rope around a life raft and sent it to the sailboat, McKenzie said. The sailors got in the raft, and the container ship "reeled them in, essentially," McKenzie said. The sailors then climbed a ladder up to the ship. No other information was immediately available about the sailors, their voyage or caused their vessel to take on water. Julio had passed through the area but left behind gusting winds and sea swells. The Manukai embarked on its journey to Honolulu before Tropical Storm Iselle and Hurricane Julio became threats, Matson spokesman Jeff Hull said. It was diverted a bit because of Julio. □

Victims' families in Texas: Gifts diverted

MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The extended family of a Texas girl who was the lone survivor of a shooting that left her parents and four siblings dead asked Monday that a fundraising effort for her be halted, after it surpassed \$400,000. Cassidy Stay, 15, survived an attack on July 9 by playing dead as her parents and four younger siblings — Bryan, 13, Emily, 9, Rebecca, 6, and Zach, 4

— were gunned down in a Houston suburb. Although wounded herself, she called police and identified the gunman as her aunt's ex-husband, Ronald Lee Haskell. Cassidy's relatives posted a statement on the gofundme.com account that was set up by a family acquaintance and a constable who was among the first officers to reach the slaying scene after the teenager's emergency phone call. "We have reached

an amazing milestone on this fundraising site and wish to close it as we acknowledge our infinite appreciation to all who have contributed," the statement said. "The generosity of the local, state, national and even global community has humbled us beyond our ability to convey. At this time we hope everyone will continue to reach out to those in our various communities with the same care and love that has been shown to us." □

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Lawyer: No drugs, booze in woman beaten by officer

TAMI ABDOLLAH
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An attorney for a woman seen on video being repeatedly punched by a California Highway Patrol officer said tests show she had no drugs or alcohol in her system.

Drivers who called emergency dispatchers before the incident said 51-year-old Marlene Pinnock was barefoot on the shoulder of a Los Angeles freeway or attempting to cross lanes of traffic and appeared high or drunk. One caller said she appeared "loaded."

Attorney Caree Harper said Pinnock has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder and the homeless woman was off her medications for roughly two to three months when the July 1 altercation occurred.

The medication "tends to make you drowsy so she had to regulate when she gets drowsy for safety purposes," Harper said. She

added that Pinnock was previously misdiagnosed with a different mental illness and had been failed

to restrain her. The agency has pledged a rapid investigation. CHP spokeswoman

released because of the investigation.

Pinnock told The Associated Press on Sunday that

head while being pinned by the officer.

"He grabbed me, he threw me down, he started beating me, he beat me. I felt like he was trying to kill me, beat me to death," Pinnock said. Pinnock was released from the hospital last week after several weeks of treatment for head injuries, and now, she slurs her speech, Harper said. She's suing CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow and Officer Daniel L. Andrew in federal court for civil rights violations. The lawsuit claims excessive force, assault, battery and a violation of her due-process rights. The CHP won't confirm the identity of the officer, but the agency said he had been on the job for 1 1/2 years and is on desk duty pending completion of the internal investigation. Andrews' name appears in a document related to the encounter.

Farrow met with community and civil rights leaders in Los Angeles multiple times last month and pledged that the investigation will conclude in weeks rather than the usual months.

Pinnock said she had been homeless for the last three to five years, occasionally staying at a shelter, a family member's home or living on the streets.

She said she was on her way to a place frequented by the homeless where she said she could feel safe to fall asleep. Harper said the area was accessed by walking along the freeway ramp. She was placed on an involuntary psychiatric hold by Andrew after the encounter, according to a document obtained by the AP.



Marlene Pinnock, left, poses with her attorney, Caree Harper during an interview Sunday Aug. 10, 2014 in Los Angeles. Pinnock, a homeless woman was beaten by a CHP officer in July 2014. Sunday was Pinnock's first publicized interview since the incident, that was videotaped.

(AP Photo/John Hopper)

by the system.

The CHP said Pinnock was endangering herself by walking on the highway and the officer was trying

Sgt. Melissa Hammond couldn't confirm whether the agency has Pinnock's medical records but said if it did, they wouldn't be

she believes the officer was trying to kill her and she wants him fired.

Pinnock recalled being repeatedly punched in the

Missionaries return to US and Ebola quarantine

TOM FOREMAN Jr.
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — Three missionaries who worked with patients infected with the Ebola virus in Liberia are back in the United States, spending the next several weeks

on the campus of a North Carolina mission. The group they were working for, SIM USA, said in a news release Monday that all three were healthy and showed no signs of infection. However, they are being held in quarantine at least three weeks dating from the time the mission-

aries were last exposed to people infected with the virus.

They will be spending those weeks in motor homes on a portion of the North Carolina group's campus not far from the South Carolina line.

Among the missionaries who returned is David Writebol, whose wife, Nancy, remains in isolation in an Atlanta hospital after she was returned to the United States for treatment last week.

The Writebols had been in Liberia since last August, sent there by SIM USA and

sponsored by their home congregation at Calvary Church in North Carolina. At the clinic, Nancy Writebol's duties included disinfecting staff entering or leaving the Ebola treatment area.

Dr. Megan Davies, the state's epidemiologist with the North Carolina Division of Public Health, said the missionaries will check in twice a day, updating health officials with such information as their temperature, or if they have headaches or abdominal pains. Such quarantines are not unusual, Davies said.

The virus is spread by direct contact with blood or bodily fluids from a sick person. Ebola can't be spread like flu through casual contact or breathing the same air as someone who is infected.

"We are excited to have these three missionaries safely back in the U.S.," SIM President Bruce Johnson said. "They are all healthy and in good spirits, and we want to express our gratitude to all those involved in the effort to bring them back, and for the prayers of countless people around the world." □

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Auto theft isn't much of a problem anymore in New York City. In 1990, the city had 147,000 reported auto thefts, one for every 50 residents; last year, there were just 7,400, or one per 1,100. That's a 96 percent drop in the rate of car theft.

So, why did this happen? All crime has fallen, nationally and especially in New York. But there has also been a big shift in the economics of auto theft: Stealing cars is harder than it used to be, less lucrative and more likely to land you in jail. As such, people have found other things to do.

The most important factor is a technological advance: engine immobilizer systems, adopted by manufacturers in the late 1990s and early 2000s. These make it essentially impossible to start a car without the ignition key, which contains a microchip uniquely programmed by the dealer to match the car.

Criminals generally have not been able to circumvent the technology or

make counterfeit keys. "It's very difficult; not just your average perpetrator on the street is going to be able to steal those cars," said Capt. John Boller, who leads the New York Police

You can see this in the pattern of thefts of America's most stolen car, the Honda Accord. About 54,000 Accords were stolen in 2013, 84 percent of them from model years 1997 or earlier,

for scrap for just hundreds of dollars. As The New York Times reported in April, they're helped by a New York state law that allows a car to be scrapped without its title if it is more than eight

rings, the sorts of operations that actually have the ability to make coded keys for newer cars.

"Our main goal is to get criminal enterprise charges on these groups," Boller said of sending the groups' members to prison with longer sentences than apply to auto theft alone.

Similar efforts by law enforcement in other jurisdictions have cut into auto theft nationally, according to Roger Morris, the vice president of the National Insurance Crime Bureau. "You saw a dramatic impact on the professional car theft rings, the chop shops and all that," he said. But while auto theft has been greatly reduced in New York, the national decline (62 percent) has not been as drastic.

Car theft remains a particular problem in California, which has the country's highest auto theft rate, nearly double the national average and five times that of New York state. According to data compiled by the NICB, nine of the 10 metropolitan areas with the highest auto theft rates are in California, mostly up and down the inland Interstate 5 corridor.

According to Morris, California's car thefts are often linked to Mexican organized crime, and NICB helps auto finance companies recover thousands of stolen cars from Mexico annually. Some cars go even farther away. "A lot of them are getting shipped out of the country," said Carol Kaplan, the NICB's director of public affairs. Every year, Customs and Border Protection recovers dozens of cars that thieves try to smuggle out of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach in shipping containers. □



New York Police Department personnel at the scene of an accident caused after a man driving a stolen vehicle lost control at the intersection of Schenectady Avenue and Flatlands Avenue in New York, July 2, 2014. There has been a big shift in the economics of auto theft: Stealing cars is harder than it used to be, less lucrative and more likely to land the thief in jail.

(Robert Stolarik/The New York Times)

Department's auto crime division. Instead, criminals have stuck to stealing older cars.

according to data from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, a trade group for auto insurers and lenders. Not coincidentally, Accords started to be sold with immobilizers in the 1998 model year.

The Honda Civic, America's second-most stolen car, shows a similar pattern before and after it got immobilizer technology for model year 2001.

Old cars are easier to steal, and there are plenty of them still on the road. But there's an obvious problem with stealing them: They're not worth very much. Cars are typically stolen for parts, and as a car gets older, its parts become less valuable.

In New York, thieves often take old stolen cars to salvage yards, selling them

years old and worth less than \$1,250.

But in addition to not being very lucrative, that approach has gotten harder to get away with. According to Boller, faster tracking through the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System has helped the city quickly identify stolen cars sold to salvage yards. Because you must present a photo ID to scrap a car without a title, the city has had success tracking down and arresting the sellers.

With fewer valuable stolen cars coming in, it has become less appealing to operate an illegal chop shop. And the decline in thefts has freed up the 85 detectives and supervisors of New York's auto crime division to focus on stopping organized car theft

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Kosovo officials arrest 40 alleged Islamic radicals

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Associated Press

PRISTINA, Kosovo (AP) —

Kosovo police on Monday arrested at least 40 people in a major operation targeting Islamic radicals suspected of fighting alongside extremists in Iraq and Syria.

Spokesman Baki Kelani said weapons, ammunition and explosives were seized as hundreds of police officers and special police units raided 60 locations across Kosovo, including makeshift mosques believed to have served as recruiting centers.

The police operation is the largest ever against suspected Islamic radicals in Kosovo. Authorities have been on alert as a growing number of ethnic Albanians have joined militants in Syria and Iraq and appeared on social media in attempts to lure more followers.

The thorny issue of religion has often brought conservative Muslims at loggerheads with secular Kosovars as the two groups struggle to set up a functioning country in the aftermath of the 1998-99 separatist war against Serbia.

Police said the arrests Monday were the result of two years of surveillance and investigations and that some of the arrested are suspected of being involved in terrorist organizations such as the Islamic State group, or Jabhat Al-Nusra.

They estimated at least 200 Kosovars have joined the ranks of Islamic militants as volunteers and at least 16 have been killed in battles with Syrian and Iraqi authorities.

Kosovo's government welcomed Monday's operation and warned it will fight religious extremists in Kosovo.

"Kosovo will not be a safe haven for extremism," President Atifete Jahjaga said. Most of the suspects come from central Kosovo's Ferizaj municipality, which is also home to the U.S. military installation Camp Bondsteel, where some 700 American peacekeepers are stationed. □

At Press Time In Gaza:

Cease-fire takes hold as negotiators gather

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CAIRO (AP) — As a new temporary truce took hold, negotiators from Israel and the Hamas militant group resumed indirect talks Monday to reach a long-term cease-fire in the Gaza Strip.

The two sides were huddled in an Egyptian government building for what were expected to be marathon negotiations in the coming days.

The 72-hour truce, brokered by Israel, took effect just after midnight, in the second attempt to halt a month of heavy fighting between the sides.

A similar three-day truce collapsed on Friday when militants resumed rocket fire on Israel after the sides were unable to make any headway in Egyptian-brokered negotiations for a more lasting deal. Hamas is seeking an end to an Israeli-Egyptian border blockade, while Israel wants Hamas to disarm.

The monthlong war, pitting the Israeli military against rocket-firing Hamas militants, has killed more than 1,900 Palestinians, the majority civilians, Palestinian and U.N. officials say. In Israel, 67 people have been killed, all but three of them soldiers, officials there say.

The halt in violence allowed Palestinians in war-battered Gaza to leave homes and shelters.

On Monday morning, high school students in Gaza filled the streets as they headed to pick up their graduation certificates

in part because Israel rejected Hamas' demand for a complete end to the blockade of the Gaza Strip, enforced by Egypt and Israel. Israel says the closure is necessary to prevent arms smuggling, and officials do not want

limited the flow of goods into Gaza and blocked virtually all exports. Unemployment there is more than 50 percent.

Hamas officials have since signaled that they will have more modest goals in the current round of talks.



A Palestinian relative of Zakariah al-Aqrah, 21, who was killed during an operation by Israeli troops, speaks to soldiers in the West Bank village of Qabalan near Nablus, Monday, Aug. 11, 2014. The Israeli military said it killed Al-Aqrah, a suspected Palestinian militant, early Monday morning after he opened fire on an Israeli force that had come to arrest him in connection with shootings targeting Israeli soldiers two weeks ago. (AP Photo/Nasser Ishtayeh)

after the Education Ministry said they'd be ready. People waited to buy fuel for generators as power and communication workers struggled to fix cables damaged in the fighting. Long lines formed at ATMs. Last week's talks failed

to make any concessions that would allow Hamas to declare victory.

The blockade has greatly limited the movement of Palestinians in and out of the impoverished territory of 1.8 million people for jobs and schooling. It has also

Bassam Salhi, a Palestinian delegation member, said he was optimistic ahead of Monday's talks.

"We hope to reach a deal within the 72 hours, based on ending the blockade and opening the crossings," Salhi said. □

South Korea proposes talks on reunions with North

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SEOUL, South Korea - South Korea on Monday proposed high-level talks with North Korea to discuss holding a new round of reunions of aging Koreans separated by the Korean War six decades ago.

The proposal came on the same day that South Korea pledged to donate \$13.3 million to help the World Food Program and the World Health Organization provide nutrients, medicine and other urgent assistance for malnourished babies and nursing mothers in the North.

In a message delivered across the border Monday, the South's Unification Min-

istry suggested that the two governments hold high-level talks on Aug. 19 at Panmunjom, a border village where the armistice ending the Korean War was signed in 1953. The two Koreas held their last high-level meeting in February. During that meeting, they put aside several years of high tensions incited by the North's nuclear tests and armed provocations against the South and reached an agreement that allowed hundreds of people from both sides to meet their long-lost relatives for the first time since the war.

South Korea hopes to arrange a new round of family reunions around Chuseok, the Korean Thanksgiving

holiday on Sept. 8 that is a traditional time for family gatherings.

There was no immediate response from the North.

The reunions in February were the first in three years. Since then, North Korea has escalated its hostility toward the South, calling its president, Park Geun-hye, a prostitute. The country has also conducted unusually frequent tests of missiles and rockets in recent weeks. But at the same time, North Korea has made overtures for reconciliation. It recently agreed to send a delegation to the Asian Games to be held in the South this fall, as well as reopen an investigation into the fates of Japanese citizens believed

to have been kidnapped by the North decades ago. Family reunions remain a highly emotional issue for Koreans, and they are considered a key barometer of relations on the divided Korean Peninsula. No telephone, letter or email exchanges are allowed between the citizens of the two Koreas while thousands of people, mostly in their 80s or older, wait for a chance to see their family members before they die.

North Korea had often stalled earlier talks with a demand that the South cancel annual military exercises with the United States. The two allies are scheduled to begin one such drill this month. □

Ukraine OKs Red Cross-led aid mission to east

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DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) —

Ukrainian forces on Monday zeroed in on rebel strongholds as the government welcomed an international humanitarian relief mission into the rebellious east involving Russia, the United States and the European Union.

The mission will be conducted under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross. The organization said in a statement it is ready to facilitate the operation with the involvement of all sides concerned following a Russian initiative to provide humanitarian assistance to people in eastern Ukraine. It wasn't clear when the deliveries would start.

"The practical details of this operation need to be clarified before this initiative can move forward," said Laurent Corbaz, the ICRC's head of operations for Europe and Central Asia.

Moscow had long urged Kiev to allow the aid delivery, but Ukraine and the West previously had op-

posed the move, fearing that it could serve as a pretext for sending Russian troops into rebel-held territory. Ukraine and the West have accused Moscow of arming and supporting the rebels fighting government troops in the east, a charge that the Kremlin has denied. The Red Cross said it has shared a document with Ukrainian and Russian authorities that stipulates all parties must guarantee the security of its staff during the operation and respect the organization's neutrality. The aid mission was announced after a conversation between U.S. President Barack Obama and Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko Monday. The White House said that Obama and Poroshenko agreed that "any Russian intervention in Ukraine without the formal, express consent and authorization of the Ukraine government would be unacceptable and a violation of international law." Shortly before that, Russia had declared that it was dispatching a humanitarian convoy into Ukraine in

cooperation with the Red Cross without giving any details. President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, later was quoted by Russian news wires as

government was behind the humanitarian convoy initiative, and that Moscow was only one of several countries involved.

"Apart from deliveries

tee of the Red Cross by the United States, the EU, as well as Russia," Ukraine's Foreign Ministry said.

The ministry also laid out specific conditions for



Ukrainian government soldiers from battalion "Donbass" search from house to house in village Mariinka near Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, Monday, Aug. 11, 2014. The Red Cross will lead an international humanitarian aid operation into Ukraine's conflict-stricken province of Luhansk with assistance from Russia, the European Union and the United States, Ukraine said Monday.

(AP Photo/Evgeniy Maloletka)

saying that the convoy wouldn't involve and military personnel. Officials in Kiev took pains to specify Monday that the Ukrainian

provided by Ukraine, the mission will feature an international component, including aid provided to the International Commit-

the aid shipment, saying it should only pass through checkpoints controlled by the Ukrainian government. □

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Swedish politician says he's Mitterrand's son

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STOCKHOLM (AP) — A Swedish politician surrounded by rumors of being the secret son of Francois Mitterrand has said in an interview that the late French president was his father.

Hravn Forsne, a 25-year-old running for Parliament, made the claim in an interview with Kungsbacka-Nytt, a local newspaper in his electoral district.

"I want to be judged for who I am, not who my father was," Forsne told the paper. "But OK, that's how it is: Francois Mitterrand was my father."

The announcement made headlines in France, but Forsne has rejected other interviews after the article was published late last week. He did not offer evidence of his parentage.

"I don't want to answer any questions," he told The Associated Press by phone

on Monday before hanging up.

If the claim is correct he would be Mitterrand's second child out of wedlock. The president had a daughter, Mazarine, with mistress Anne Pingeot. He also had three sons with wife Danielle, one of whom died at a young age.

Addressing rumors that had been swirling in France for years, Forsne's mother, Chris, told Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet in 2012 that she had had a secret relationship with Mitterrand, who died of cancer in 1996. She declined to discuss her son in that interview.

Calls to her home in Sweden rang unanswered on Monday.

"People knew that Mitterrand had many women who revolved in and out of his life," said David Le Bailly, author of "Mitterrand's Captive" about Anne Pingeot. "One, two,

three. What is more shocking is the means that were dedicated to protect his privacy."

In the Kungsbacka-Nytt article, Forsne said he was born in Paris, where his mother worked, and that he met Mitterrand "five, six times."

"I was 7 when he died. That I'm engaged in politics is my own decision," he said. "If you are going to make a family connection, then political discussions with my mother have been the foundation for this."

Kungsbacka-Nytt editor Tobias Sandblom said Forsne had read the article before it was published and had no objections. Sandblom also forwarded an email conversation with Forsne in which he wrote the article was "very good."

In contrast to Mitterrand, a Socialist, Forsne represents Sweden's conservative Moderate Party. □

Mexico opens gas, oil to foreign, private firms

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Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto signed into law on Monday new rules governing a historic opening of the state-run oil, gas and electricity industries to foreign and private companies. Pena Nieto said that the government will let potential investors know by Wednesday which blocks of gas and oil fields will be open for them. The state-owned oil company, Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, has the right under the new rules to take first dibs and set aside some fields for itself; Pena Nieto said those set-asides will also be made public Wednesday. The president also promised to start putting in place regulatory and oversight agencies to implement the new rules by the end of August. Government control of the oil industry began with the 1938 nationalization of foreign oil companies, and has long been a touchstone of Mexican nationalism. Energy Secretary Pedro Joaquin Coldwell acknowledged the new reforms have changed that. "Today marks a watershed ... a change in the energy paradigm," Coldwell said at the signing ceremony at Mexico's National Palace, where beloved late president Lazaro Cardenas announced the expropriation 76 years ago. "It is a change in the way we relate our national identity to energy, to bring it up to date with realities of the 21st century." Those realities include a constant decline in oil and gas production in recent years, as Pemex proved unable to open up signifi-

cant deep-water or shale-gas production, both areas where the government hopes private firms will bring in expertise and tens of billions in investment. The reforms open up production- and profit-sharing contracts for private companies that had been restricted to operating just as subcontractors for Pemex, without the ability to book reserves or gain a significant share in profits. With drilling companies busy around the world, the first partial openings in the late 2000s proved unattractive. It's unclear how much interest there will be in the new round of bidding, which is expected to open in early 2015. While the reforms passed by ample margins in Congress, due to support from Pena Nieto's Institutional revolutionary Party, the PRI, and the conservative National Action Party, many Mexicans still seem wary of the changes. Seeking to reach average Mexicans, Pena Nieto promised they would feel the effects of the reforms in their pocketbooks, through lower power prices and more jobs. Pena Nieto said that by passing he reforms "we have overcome decades of immobility, and overturned barriers that prevented Mexico from growing." One of those barriers has been the high price of gas — much of it imported — and electricity rates that are higher than in many parts of the United States. "With this reform we can extract oil from deep waters and take better advantage of our vast deposits of shale gas, to generate electricity at lower prices,"

Pena Nieto said.

It remains to be seen whether Mexico can assign complex contracts to

mission to take such decisions out of the hands of Pemex. Mexico's oil and gas pro-

government hopes to increase that to 3 million barrels by 2018 and 3.5 million by 2025, by attracting



Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto, center, Senate leader Raul Cervantes Andrade, left, and House Speaker Jose Gonzalez Morfin hold up signed documents at a ceremony to mark the signing of a historic energy reform bill, at the National Palace in Mexico City, Monday, Aug. 11, 2014. The law will open the state-run oil, gas and electricity industries to foreign and private companies. Mexico is hoping for tens of billions of dollars in outside investment in deep-water oil drilling and shale gas production. (AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell)

private companies without the kind of kickbacks, favoritism and insider deals seen in the past. The law creates a national oil com-

duction peaked in 2004 at 3.4 million barrels a day. It has fallen steadily since to the current 2.5 million barrels. With the reform, the

private companies with the expertise and technology to exploit the country's vast shale and deep-water reserves. □



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HIV infections rise, thwart Brazil's AIDS efforts

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SAO PAULO (AP) — The devastating news didn't make sense to Brazilian Pierre Freitas. How was it possible that, at age 17, he was infected with HIV if his only boyfriend seemed fit and healthy?

Freitas confesses he knew little about the virus when he was diagnosed in 2004. He didn't understand the difference between the infection and the disease it caused: AIDS. He was confused by the lack of obvious symptoms.

"It's like I was living in a different part of the world, and I felt immune."

While Brazil has long been seen as a global model in the fight against AIDS, activists and officials say more and more youths share Freitas's unawareness of HIV risks, or are unconcerned about them. Even as HIV infection rates have begun declining in many other places, cases have been slowly rising in Brazil — with the sharpest jump among youths 15 to 24.

"The numbers are going up. It's a paradox, a shame. After all the money spent on treatment and implementing a policy for everyone to receive it, we have these disastrous results," said Dr. Caio Rosenthal, a Sao Paulo-based specialist at the Emilio Ribas Institute of Infectious Diseases.

U.N. statistics show 44,000 new infections detected last year in Brazil, up from fewer than 40,000 in 2005 — a rate outpacing population growth. The national Health Ministry says overall numbers of HIV infections has reached nearly 800,000. That's half of all the HIV cases in all of Latin America.

By comparison, in the United States, the rate of new HIV cases has dropped by a third over the past decade, according to a study published last month in the Journal of the American Medical Association. About 1.1 million Americans are estimated to be infected with HIV.

When the global AIDS epidemic erupted in the 1980s, officials here react-

ed quickly. Brazil carried out widespread sex-education campaigns and became the first developing nation to offer free antiretroviral treatment on a large scale. The pace of deaths fell and mother-to-child transmission was cut sharply.

Officials say the persistent rise in cases could be partly the result of better systems for tracking the virus. Others blame religious opposition to sex-education campaigns, or say some youths mistakenly believe

the program, Dr. Pedro Chequer, complained that the restrictions have hurt campaigns targeting vulnerable populations such as gays and sex workers.

"There was a very clear setback. Brazil used to be at the forefront, but now it's just like any other country," said Chequer, who is widely seen as Brazil's leading anti-AIDS crusader.

In the past two years, for example, the federal government ordered schools to stop handing out comic books and other materials

blame for rising infections on misplaced confidence among younger people who didn't experience the disease's most-deadly era: "The new generation was no longer scared of anything, everything was OK. Having sex without a condom was a risk they were willing to take."

The government says spending on education and prevention is rising, but Mesquita said the fight against HIV must expand beyond safe-sex education: "We have to stop



In this July 2014 photo, a sex worker talks to a potential client in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Dr. Dirceu Greco, the former head of the Department of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, AIDS and Viral Hepatitis at the health ministry, said opposition by evangelical leaders "caused notorious backtracking" in AIDS policy. Another former leader of the program, Dr. Pedro Chequer, complained that the restrictions have hurt campaigns targeting vulnerable populations such as gays and sex workers. (AP Photo/Andre Penner)

that progress in treating AIDS means it's a problem of the past.

Brazil's dominant Catholic church frowns on the use of condoms, but the chief resistance to sex education campaigns has come from evangelical Christians, whose share of Brazil's population has jumped from 5 percent to 22 percent between 1970 and 2010, making them an increasingly influential political force.

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aimed at youth with stories encouraging the use of condoms to prevent HIV and teenage pregnancies. Activists also complain the government scrapped the airing of pro-condom TV ads showing gay men hooking up at a nightclub while discussing safe sex. Health officials insist the ads were never intended for major television networks, but rather niche audiences.

The health ministry's current top AIDS official, Fabio Mesquita, said nationwide, prime-time TV campaigns are a thing of the past because his team is studying ways to target younger, more vulnerable populations through the Internet and smartphones.

He placed much of the

thinking of condoms as the only alternative to prevent the infection."

He said one path is an expanded program to give retroviral drugs to all infected patients, even if there are not yet signs that the virus has weakened their bodies' defense systems. Studies have suggested that HIV positive people who start taking medicines at that early stage are 96 percent less likely to infect others.

Brazil is studying another measure, pre-exposure prophylaxis, which involves a daily pill meant to protect those who are not infected. The U.S. government issued guidelines in May for using that process. Brazil already has been a leader in treating AIDS. □

AP: Haiti police in search for 329 freed prisoners

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — An intense search was underway Monday after 329 prisoners escaped from an overcrowded prison on the outskirts of the Haitian capital in an attack apparently aimed at freeing the son of a prominent businessman held on kidnapping charges.

Authorities increased security along the border and appealed for help from officials in the neighboring Dominican Republic and in nearby Jamaica, fearing some of the men who escaped had already fled the country following the breakout.

In the Dominican Republic, the government ordered extra troops to its porous border with Haiti and were searching for any of the escaped prisoners, Defense Minister Sigrid Pared said.

Witnesses said about 15 gunmen in two SUVs showed up at the prison in Croix-des-Bouquets before noon on Sunday and opened fire on guards, wounding two. Haitian officials said the attack appeared to be timed to coincide with recreation time and prisoners began to riot as the shooting started.

The authorities are investigating whether there was cooperation from members of the Haitian police who guard the prison, Justice Minister Jean Renel Sanon said.

The attack was apparently intended to free Clifford Brandt, a member of a wealthy family, who has been awaiting trial since 2012 for allegedly running a kidnapping ring in the capital. The government offered a reward equivalent to about \$25,000 for information leading to Brandt's capture.

Police Chief Godson Orleus said 10 of the 329 prisoners have been recaptured.

The prison held 899 prisoners at the time of the attack, about 130 over capacity. □



Aruba's Pride:

Sarah-Quita Offringa Shines at PWA Windsurf World Tour 2014



-The winter training undergone in waves in Brasil and Cape Town paid off during the competition in the Canary Islands.

ORANJESTAD/ TENERIFE - From the 4th to the 10th of August the elite of the wave sailing world returned to action as they prepared for their second battle of the season as the Dunkerbeck-Eyewear Siam Park - El Médano - Tenerife PWA World Cup kicked off. El Médano is situated on the South East coast of Tenerife, with regular trade winds and pumping waves year round, which make this amazing spot a windsurfers haven. The week was packed with unbelievable action, as the elite of the wave sailing world took full advantage of the world

class conditions to wow both the crowds and the judges.

Better known for her prowess in freestyle - Sarah-Quita Offringa (Starboard / Chris Benz / Maui Ultra Fins) - laid down the gauntlet in the waves this week as she won seven successive heats in the double elimination to climb into the illustrious top three for the first in the waves, whilst sending out a warning to signal to her fellow rivals. Amanda Beenen eventually finished fourth overall and was visibly disappointed at losing her podium position from the single elimination, but the Dutch girl still impressed with her aggressive wave riding and stylish forward loops. Attention will now turn to the next event in Sylt as



she looks to move into the overall top three - currently sitting fourth.

Steffi Wahl completes the top five this time around, having finished third in the opening event of the year. The German once again demonstrated her smooth, and fluid style on the wave, but just lost out to Amanda Beenen in the single elimination, before a relentless Sarah-Quita Offringa proved too much in the double. However, Wahl still occupies third overall and she'll be a major threat again in Sylt.

In the last heat of the opening round Sarah-

Quita Offringa earned the highest scores of the day so far. The lady from Aruba launched into a big shaka before backing it up with a couple of good waves, as she showed that she will be a threat in the waves as well as freestyle and slalom.

Sarah-Quita Offringa was the standout woman on the water as she started her remarkable comeback in the double elimination, which saw her win five consecutive heats in a row - firstly by defeating Lucy Robson followed by Waka Nishida, Carmen Afonso Martin, Sara Sommer and lastly Alice Arutkin in the battle for fifth and sixth place respectively. Today marks the first time that Offringa has broken into the top five, in only her second competition, and tomorrow

she will face German Steffi Wahl as she looks to advance into the top four and beyond. The lady from Aruba impressed with her clean forwards and stunning shakas, as well as displaying fluid wave riding too.

Meanwhile, Sarah-Quita Offringa continued her storming comeback in the double elimination as she won a further two heats, meaning the lady from Aruba won a total of seven consecutive heats by defeating Steffi Wahl and Amanda Beenen. Offringa shone in the air and visibly improved with each heat on the wave and has now alerted her rivals as a significant threat for the future. With this heat she finished on the podium in third place enabling her to brandish the Aruba flag. □



Real Island Life: Notes From A Day On Aruba!

PALM BEACH - First of all, I like to welcome you to my island in the sun. Aruba's weather is always so predictable (hot and windy) and that might be the main reason you decided to come visit us. Of course besides the sun there is much more like: beaches, restaurants, shopping, gambling, activities and more. Talking about all those fun things to do here, if you live on the island full time, and work every day, you might forget that we truly live in a paradise. Of course on your off day you might go swimming or drive around but it is after a few more days at home when you start realizing how beautiful our island really is. So I took some time to "smell the ocean breeze"..... I truly think that all locals should do so, once in a while, to appreciate where we live and what we have. Enjoy breakfast outside in your patio or yard. Breathe in and out.... Let it sink in a little. No rush and no hurry. Take time to enjoy your fresh squeezed lemon juice from your backyard trees with a fish omelet (left over's from last night's incredible catch of the day). Grab an ice cooler, fill it up with anything you like to drink cold, and start driving. Of course you can get in an air-conditioned car, but also nice for the experience are the open-air jeeps. In that case all you



need is to protect yourself with sun block because our sun is really strong! Packed with a towel and the ice cooler I started driving along the coast line. Never realized how many different shades of blue really exist in the ocean. I counted at least 9 different types of blues-just like you see in famous movies like the "blue lagoon". First stop was the famous Charlie's Bar in San Nicolaas Main Street. Generation after generation of Charlie's have been run-

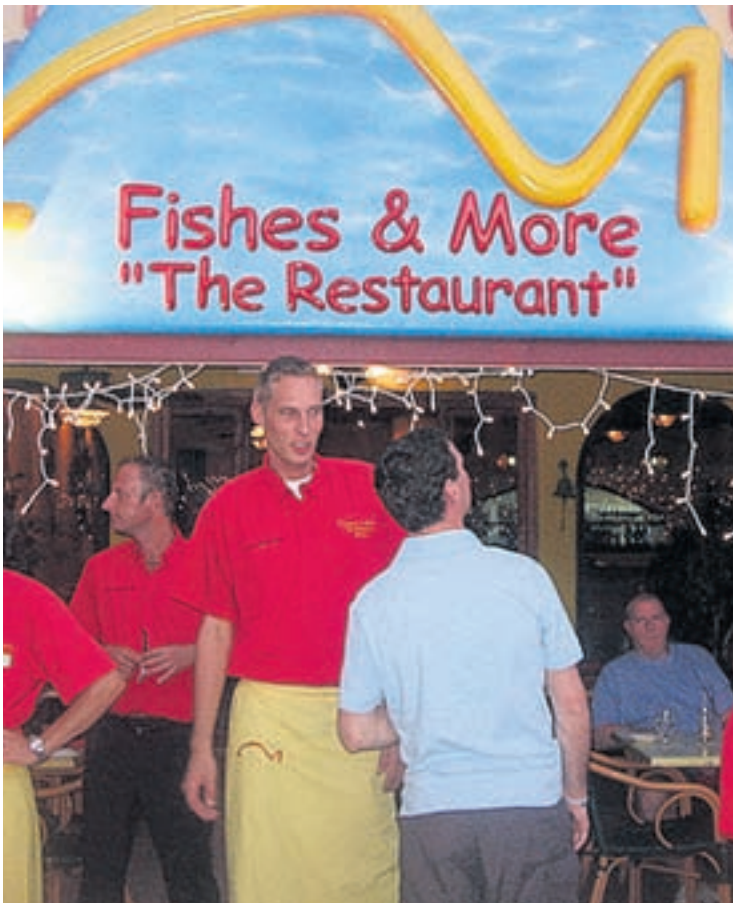
ning this cozy place, where you can spend hours looking around and identifying all the things visiting tourists have left behind to personalize the bar, like baseball caps, business cards, license plates and of course weird kind of souvenirs. Go check it out yourself.... Up to Baby Beach and Rogers beach. These are the places locals go. This is where we teach our kids to swim. Calm and shallow waters, lots of space to lie out and catch some sun. If you pick a spot close to the



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cierge at their hotel recommended it. When they tasted their first cocktails, they were in heaven; the pork schnitzel

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Tommy Robredo, of Spain, returns a volley to Jack Sock at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Monday, Aug. 11, 2014, in Mason, Ohio.
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Robredo reaches second round in Cincinnati

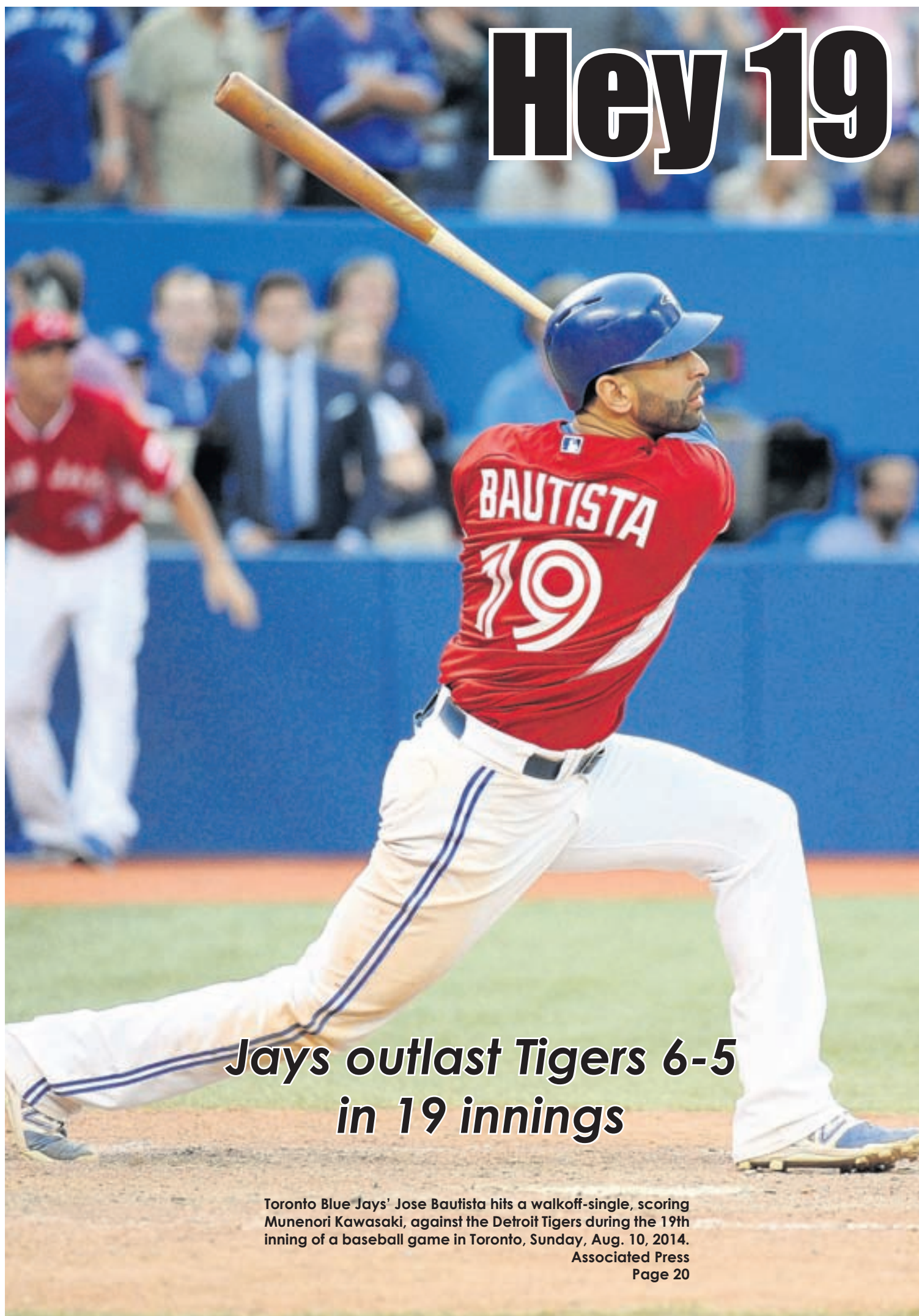
MARK SCHMETZER
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MASON, Ohio (AP) — Madison Keys accomplished something Serena Williams couldn't — beating Alize Cornet.

Keys pulled off a 6-2, 6-4 win over Cornet in the first round of the Western & Southern Open on Monday.

"I don't have many complaints about today," the 19-year-old American said. "I definitely played pretty well and stayed in my game for the most part. There's obviously a couple of things that I still want to work on and have better for next round, but I'm pretty happy with today." Cornet, who upset the top-ranked Williams in the third round at Wimbledon six weeks ago, was playing with an injured left leg that she said started bothering her during her second-round loss to Victoria Azarenka last Tuesday at the Rogers Cup in Montreal.

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Hey 19

Jays outlast Tigers 6-5 in 19 innings

Toronto Blue Jays' Jose Bautista hits a walkoff single, scoring Munenori Kawasaki, against the Detroit Tigers during the 19th inning of a baseball game in Toronto, Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014.
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Watson still considering Woods for Ryder Cup

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP)

— U.S. captain Tom Watson said he would be foolish not to consider Tiger Woods as one of his three wild-card selections for the Ryder Cup, a decision that ultimately would be based on Woods' words instead of his play. Watson has said all year he wanted Woods on his team if he were healthy and playing well. Even though Woods is injured and not playing for the next month, Watson wouldn't rule him out Monday.

"I can't assess his medical condition and I honestly can't assess how he's playing," Watson said. "It really is

going to be having to come from information from Tiger himself. But, again, I don't make this comment loosely. He is Tiger Woods and he brings a lot to the team — if he has the ability to play and he's healthy. He brings a lot to the team. And I'd be a fool not to consider him." Nine players qualified for the American team after the PGA Championship. Watson has three weeks before he announces his three captain's picks for the Ryder Cup, which is Sept. 26-28 at Gleneagles in Scotland. Woods' season ended when he missed the cut by five shots at the PGA Championship, where he said he played through the pain of



FILE - In this Dec. 13, 2012 file photo, Tom Watson leaves the stage after a Ryder Cup news conference in New York.

Associated Press

a nagging back injury. He is not playing the Wyndham

Championship this week in North Carolina, and Woods is not eligible for the two FedEx Cup playoff events that will serve as an audition for Watson.

"I'll be very, very focused on the players who are high up in the ranks," Watson said. As for Woods?

He made it sound as if he would have a telephone glued to his ear.

"I will continue to speak with Tiger over the next three weeks to monitor his situation," Watson said. "Obviously, he has not been playing well. But I think it's been a result, as you well know, of his injury and his coming back from back surgery."

Woods has gone more than a year without winning, and this injury-filled year has been like no other. He played eight tournaments and completed 72 holes only three times. He missed two cuts, withdrew from the final round of two other tournaments and missed a 54-hole cut at Torrey Pines, where he is an eight-time winner. His best finish was a tie for 25th at Doral, where Woods played in the next-to-last group on Sunday and posted his highest score ever (78) in the final round. He finished at No. 70 in the Ryder Cup standings.

Woods hurt his back again at Firestone, though he said it was unrelated to his microdiscectomy surgery in March. He said a trainer popped a joint back into place and he was pain free Wednesday at the PGA. He

reported stiffness Thursday and his back "went out on me" while warming up for the second round.

Watson made it sound as if he were leaning more on Woods' past than the current state of his game, not to mention his health.

"He is Tiger Woods. He brings something to the team in a big way," Watson said. "He's been really good in the team room of recent and he's a factor with the players. I know that for a fact. He's a very positive influence on the players. But the most important thing is can he play? Can he physically play and is he playing well? Get back to those two points. Like I said, I'll monitor that situation in the next three weeks."

The American team already is missing Dustin Johnson, who has taken a "voluntary leave" for what he described as "personal challenges." Matt Kuchar withdrew from the final major of the year with a back injury. Bubba Watson has finished in the top 10 only once in the four months since winning the Masters.

Tom Watson said he was happy with the nine players who made the team — Watson, Kuchar, Rickie Fowler, Jim Furyk, Jimmy Walker, Phil Mickelson, Jordan Spieth, Patrick Reed and Zach Johnson. For his picks, he said he wants players in good form and with guts.

"We have got players that can get the job done," he said. □

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NL Capsules

Howard gets winning hit in 9th for Phillies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ryan Howard had a game-ending single with two outs in the ninth inning after pinch-hitter Marlon Byrd had a tying hit as the Phillies pulled out a victory over the Mets.

Chase Utley singled, tripled, homered and drove in three runs for the Phillies, who snapped a five-game skid against the Mets. Lucas Duda and Travis d'Arnaud homered for New York.

Jenry Mejia (5-5) got the loss then, after the game, revealed he had a hernia problem.

Ken Giles (1-0) pitched a scoreless ninth to cap four innings of scoreless relief by three Phillies relievers.

REDS 7, MARLINS 2

CINCINNATI (AP) — Devin Mesoraco hit his third grand slam of the season and drove in six runs as the Reds salvaged the finale of a three-game series against the Marlins.

Brad Hand walked Todd Frazier with the bases loaded in the fifth to break a 2-all tie. Mesoraco followed with his second homer of the game and 20th of the season.

The fifth-inning outburst gave Johnny Cueto (14-6) some breathing room. In eight innings, he allowed five hits — two homers — with two walks and nine strikeouts.

Hand (2-4) allowed five hits and seven runs with three walks — all of them in the fifth — and two strikeouts. Giancarlo Stanton, the NL's home run and RBI leader, lined his 29th homer with two outs in the first for a 1-0 Miami lead.

ROCKIES 5, DIAMONDBACKS 3, 10 INNINGS

PHOENIX (AP) — Corey Dickerson hit a tiebreaking homer with two outs in

the top of the 10th inning as the Rockies avoided a seventh straight loss to the Diamondbacks.

Dickerson, hitless in four previous at-bats, sent an 0-1 pitch from Oliver Perez (2-2) into the pool deck in right field for his 14th home run of the season.

The Rockies snapped a three-game skid overall and won for just the second time in 10 games.

Ben Paulsen, called up Sunday to replace the injured Carlos Gonzalez on the roster, hit his first major league home run in the second.

Matt Belisle (3-6) got one out by working out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the ninth for the win.

PADRES 8, PIRATES 2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Tyson Ross recovered from a two-run first to pitch six strong innings and Seth Smith hit a bases-loaded triple, leading the Padres to a victory over the Pirates.

Ross (11-10) allowed Gregory Polanco's two-run shot in the first then shut down the Pirates. He yielded six hits and walked two.

Charlie Morton retired the first 10 batters he faced before Yangervis Solarte walked with one out in the fourth and scored Yonder Alonso's single.

Morton (5-11) was lifted after the fifth, responsible for five runs, five hits, a walk and five strikeouts.

BRAVES 3, NATIONALS 1

ATLANTA (AP) — Alex Wood set a career high with 12 strikeouts in 7 1-3 innings as Atlanta continued its recent success against Washington.

By winning two of three in the weekend series, Atlanta cut Washington's lead to 3½ games in the NL East. The Braves are 9-4 against

the Nationals this season and 22-10 over the last two years.

Justin Upton homered for the Braves, who had lost nine of their last 10.

Ian Desmond's fourth-inning homer was the only run allowed by Wood.

With the game tied 1-1, Emilio Bonifacio led off the fifth with a bunt single and scored the go-ahead run on Jason Heyward's infield

out 17 times, running their total to 44 for the weekend series, but Rizzo and touted rookie Javier Baez had two hits apiece to key a 13-hit attack. Carlos Villanueva (5-6) pitched a scoreless inning to earn the victory.

DODGERS 5, BREWERS 1 MILWAUKEE (AP) — Clayton Kershaw won his 14th game to tie for the National League lead as the Dodgers beat the Brewers

in the fifth off Jimmy Nelson (2-3).

Kershaw also reached base three times and had an RBI single in the eighth. In other NL games it was Cincinnati 7, Miami 2; Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 6; San Diego 8, Pittsburgh 2; St. Louis 8, Baltimore 3; L.A. Dodgers 5, Milwaukee 1; Kansas City 7, San Francisco 4; Chicago Cubs 3, Tampa Bay 2, 12 innings;



Philadelphia Phillies' Ryan Howard celebrates after hitting a one-run single against the New York Mets in the ninth inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014, in Philadelphia. The Phillies won 7-6.

Associated Press

hit off Gio Gonzalez (6-9). Wood (8-9), who allowed five hits, set another career high by throwing 124 pitches.

CUBS 3, RAYS 2, 12 INNINGS CHICAGO (AP) — Anthony Rizzo hit a game-ending RBI single in the 12th inning as the Cubs beat the Rays to avoid a three-game sweep.

The last-place Cubs struck

to avoid a three-game sweep in a matchup of divisional leaders.

Kershaw (14-2) allowed a run and six hits with two walks and six strikeouts in eight innings.

Nevertheless, the left-handed ace lowered his league-leading ERA to 1.78. Adrian Gonzalez drove in two runs, and scored the go-ahead run

Colorado 5, Arizona 3, 10 innings; Atlanta 3, Washington 1; Cincinnati 7, Miami 2; Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 6; San Diego 8, Pittsburgh 2; St. Louis 8, Baltimore 3; L.A. Dodgers 5, Milwaukee 1; Kansas City 7, San Francisco 4; Chicago Cubs 3, Tampa Bay 2, 12 innings; Colorado 5, Arizona 3, 10 innings; and Atlanta 3, Washington 1. □

AL Capsules

Blue Jays beat Tigers 6-5 in 19-inning marathon

TORONTO (AP) — Jose Bautista's single in the 19th inning drove home the winning run as the Toronto Blue Jays came back from a five-run deficit to win the longest game in club history, beating the Detroit Tigers 6-5 on Sunday. Munenori Kawasaki singled off starter Rick Porcello (13-7) to begin the 19th and advanced to third when second baseman Ian Kinsler couldn't field an errant throw from Porcello on Jose Reyes' sacrifice bunt. Melky Cabrera was intentionally walked to load the bases for Bautista, who ended it with a single to right over the drawn-in outfield, sending his teammates streaming out of the dugout in celebration. At 6 hours, 37 minutes, it was the longest game by time in Blue Jays history, easily surpassing a 5:57 game against the Yankees on April 19, 2001. It was the second 19-inning game in as many days. The Los Angeles Angels beat the Boston Red Sox 5-4 on Saturday night. **RED SOX 3, ANGELS 1 ANAHEIM, California (AP)**

— Yoenis Cespedes hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning and Rubby De La Rosa pitched five-hit ball into the eighth as the Red Sox bounced back from a 19-inning loss with a victory over the Angels. The teams returned just 12 hours after the longest game in the majors this season, a 6 1/2-hour epic won 5-4 by the Angels on Albert Pujols' homer well after midnight. Mike Trout homered in the eighth for the Angels (68-49), who still have the majors' second-best record despite losing five of six. Cespedes broke open a scoreless game with his first homer for the defending World Series champions, driving a pitch from Joe Smith (4-1) into the Boston bullpen in left. De La Rosa (4-4) had eight strikeouts and blanked the Angels until Trout's homer on his 110th pitch. **MARINERS 4, WHITE SOX 2 SEATTLE (AP)** — Austin Jackson, acquired in a trade with the Detroit Tigers before the deadline, matched a career-high with four RBIs to lead the



Toronto Blue Jays' Jose Bautista, center, celebrates with teammates after hitting a walk off single against the Detroit Tigers during the 19th inning in Toronto on Sunday Aug. 10, 2014.
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Mariners to a victory over the White Sox. Logan Morrison began a two-out rally for the Mariners in the second inning off Chicago's John Danks (9-8) with a hard line drive single off the wall in right field. Infield singles by Chris Taylor and Jesus Sucre loaded the bases for Jackson. A career .400 hitter against Danks, Jackson doubled down the left field line to give the Mariners a 3-0

lead. He finished 3 for 4. Dominic Leone (5-2) picked up the victory and Fernando Rodney earned his 33rd save. **INDIANS 4, YANKEES 1 NEW YORK (AP)** — Carlos Carrasco rejoined the Cleveland rotation in fine fashion by pitching five dominant innings as the Indians nearly tossed another shutout at Yankee Stadium, beating New York. Jacoby Ellsbury homered with two outs in the ninth off

Indians closer Cody Allen, ending New York's season-worst scoreless streak at 19 innings. Jason Kipnis got three hits and scored three runs as the Indians finished 4-3 against New York — only twice in the last 22 years has Cleveland taken the season matchup. Carrasco (4-4) allowed just two singles, walked none, struck out four and retired his last 11 batters. Cleveland evened its record at 59-59 by taking advantage of a surprisingly shaky Hiroki Kuroda (7-8). **TWINS 6, ATHLETICS 1 OAKLAND, California (AP)** — Kurt Suzuki hit a tiebreaking double and Josh Willingham added two-run homer in the eighth inning as the Twins ended a 12-game losing streak to Oakland by beating the Athletics. Brian Dozier connected for his 20th homer in the first before Suzuki and Willingham each had a big hit against Luke Gregerson (2-2) in the eighth. Phil Hughes (12-8) allowed four hits in seven innings for his second straight victory. □



Minnesota Twins' Josh Willingham (16) is congratulated after hitting a two-run home run off Oakland Athletics' Luke Gregerson in the eighth inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014, in Oakland, Calif.

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By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Royals bolstered their offense Monday by acquiring outfielder Josh Willingham from the Minnesota Twins, a move the long-suffering franchise hopes will help them end a playoff drought that stretches back nearly three

decades. Kansas City had won seven straight games entering its series opener against Oakland, climbing into the second wild-card spot and a half-game back of AL Central-leading Detroit. The Royals have not been to the postseason since 1985, when they beat St. Louis to win the World Se-

Royals get Willingham from Twins for minor leaguer

ries. "Obviously the goal was to win with the Twins," Willingham said from Houston, where the Twins were preparing to play the Astros. "Unfortunately, we weren't. Now I have a chance to go help another club and hopefully make the playoffs." Willingham is expected to arrive in Kansas City in time for Tuesday night's game. The Twins picked up minor league pitcher Jason Adam in the trade, while the Royals agreed to take on the remainder of Willingham's contract - about \$1.8 million of the \$7 million that he was making in the final year of his three-year deal. Willingham was hitting just .210 for the Twins this season, but his 12 homers in

limited at-bats were appealing for a Royals club that has struggled to find power. The 35-year-old Willingham hit a career-best 35 homers with 110 RBIs two years ago. "We see his presence in the middle of our lineup somewhere, and being that presence that can get some big hits for us," Royals general manager Dayton Moore said. "He had a big hit yesterday actually against Oakland. He's a professional. He's a winner. We feel very strong that he's going to help our team. He's the type of player and presence that you add at this time of year." Moore said that Willingham is more likely to serve as a designated hitter than play in the outfield, where

there is already a logjam of players. Billy Butler, the club's normal DH, has been forced to play first base while Eric Hosmer is on the disabled list with a right hand injury. "I think he'll be in the lineup most days as we set up right now," Moore said. The Royals cleared space for Willingham on the 40-man roster by requesting unconditional release waivers on right-hander Wilking Rodriguez. They will still have to make a move to add Willingham to the 25-man roster when he reports to Kansas City. "It doesn't soak in immediately," Willingham said. "It's one of those things you don't know what your mind is processing. You know it's going on but you have mixed emotions. □

WNBA Capsules Catchings helps Fever beat Liberty 90-76

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Tamika Catchings scored a season-high 29 points to lead Indiana to a 90-76 victory over the New York Liberty on Sunday, ending the Fever's three-game losing streak.

The Fever moved past the Liberty into third place in the tight Eastern Conference. Catchings got the Fever going with 12 points in the first quarter as Indiana dominated from the start. The Fever (14-17) led 10-8 before going on a 14-4 run to close the quarter. Catchings had five points during the burst.

It only got worse for New York (13-17) from there as Indiana extended its advantage to 23 in the second quarter and led by 19 at the half.

Down 23 in the third, New York cut it to 77-68 on Sug-

ar Rodgers' 3-pointer with 4:56 left, but Catchings answered with her own 3 to restore the double-digit lead and seal the win.

SUN 89, MYSTICS 81, 2 OT
UNCASVILLE, Connecticut (AP) — Reserve Kelsey Griffin's follow shot at the end of regulation forced overtime and she added a 3-pointer late in the second overtime to lead Connecticut over Washington.

However, the Sun were eliminated from Eastern Conference playoff contention later Sunday after the Chicago Sky beat the first-place Atlanta Dream, 80-69. Reserve Renee Montgomery made all six of her free throws in the second overtime and finished with 14 points for the Sun (12-20). Alex Bentley added 18 points and four steals and Kelsey Bone had 15 points and 11 rebounds.

ROSEMONT, Illinois (AP) — Allie Quigley scored 17 points as Chicago prevented Atlanta from clinching the top seed in the Eastern Conference. The Sky are tied for third



Phoenix Mercury forward DeWanna Bonner celebrates the Mercury's 82-80 win over the Minnesota Lynx in a WNBA basketball game Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, in Phoenix.

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Ivory Latta had 20 points and six assists and Emma Meesseman added 16 points and 10 rebounds for Washington (15-16), which is in second place in the Eastern Conference and would have qualified for the playoffs with a win.

SKY 80, DREAM 69
ROSEMONT, Illinois (AP) — Allie Quigley scored 17 points as Chicago prevented Atlanta from clinching the top seed in the Eastern Conference.

The Sky are tied for third

place in the East. The top four conference teams qualify for the playoffs.

With Washington's loss to Connecticut on Sunday, the Dream could have secured first place in the East with a victory. They were without top scorer Angel McCoughtry, who was averaging 19 points and 5.4 rebounds, because of tendonitis in her feet.

Sancho Lyttle had 16 points and Shoni Schimmel 15 for the Dream, who have clinched a playoff berth

despite losing five straight and nine of 11. Atlanta has lost five straight for the first time since a 10-game losing streak in 2008.

Elena Delle Donne scored 15, Jamierra Faulkner added 14 and Sylvia Fowles and Epiphanny Prince each had 13 for the Sky.

STARS 82, SPARKS 76
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Kayla McBride scored 21 points and Jayne Appel tied a club record with 20 rebounds as San Antonio beat Los Angeles. □

NCAA seeks clarification in O'Bannon ruling

By **MICHAEL MAROT**
AP Sports Writer

The NCAA wants clarification on two points in a California judge's ruling in the landmark Ed O'Bannon case.

The governing body wrote in a brief to the U.S. District Court on Monday that schools want to know which recruits are covered under the ruling which opened the door to athletes receiving a small percentage of the millions of dollars they help generate.

Judge Claudia Wilken wrote it would affect only athletes who enroll after July 1, 2016, at the beginning of the next recruiting cycles.

The NCAA calls the language about the "next recruiting cycle" ambiguous. It wants the court to establish another date, Aug.

1, 2015, when scholarships can first be offered in the 2015-16 recruiting cycle.

"Under existing NCAA rules, student-athletes in the next recruiting cycle (i.e., student-athletes who would first enroll in college in Fall 2016) may receive offer letters from colleges starting on August 1, 2015. By-law 13.9.2.2. NCAA seeks to confirm that the existing NCAA rules can remain in force until August 1, 2015, although we understand the injunction would not permit the NCAA to adopt or enforce rules inconsistent with the injunction on or after that date," attorneys wrote in the filing, pointing out that is the first day schools can offer scholarships to players in the 2016-17 recruiting class.

On a second point, the NCAA contends, is Wilken's

language regarding the "licensing or use of prospective, current, or former student-athletes" could be interpreted to apply to current players.

"This has prompted concerns among colleges and universities that the injunction might, contrary to the Court's opinion, apply immediately to current student-athletes," the attorneys wrote. "Based on the Court's opinion, the NCAA believes the language of Paragraph 1 refers to compensation only for student-athletes first enrolling after July 1, 2016. Otherwise the injunction would permit colleges and conferences to compensate current student-athletes before the NCAA's member colleges have an opportunity to consider new rules consistent with the injunction."

Attorneys wrote that they want the clarifications to ensure that there are no violations of the permanent injunction Wilken imposed, which allows players at big schools to have money generated by television contracts put into a trust fund to pay them when they leave. Wilken said the body that governs college athletics could set a cap on the money paid to athletes, as long as it allows at least \$5,000 per athlete per year of competition. Individual schools could offer less money, she said, but only if they don't unlawfully conspire among themselves to set those amounts. NCAA President Mark Emmert said Sunday that the governing body would appeal "at least in part" the ruling.

"We look forward to pre-

senting our arguments on appeal, and in the meantime we will continue to champion student-athlete success on the field and in the classroom," NCAA chief legal officer Donald Remy said in a statement released after Emmert's announcement. Winning on appeal could be a major challenge given the venue in Oakland, California.

Though the NCAA has a stronger historical record in appeals courts, where a recent University of Illinois study found that it wins 71 percent of the time in both the second and third rounds of cases, this would go to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Legal experts say that court has generally been a "labor-friendly" court, which could hurt the NCAA's chances of victory. □

Lochte beats Phelps in 200 IM at U.S. nationals

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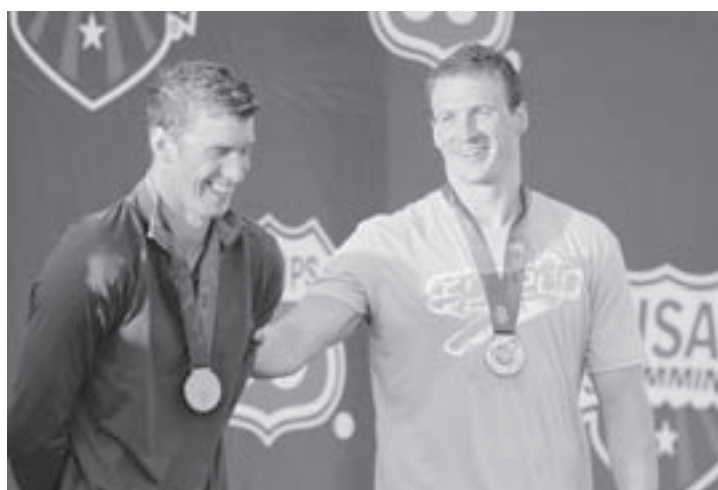
AP Sports Writer

IRVINE, California (AP) —

Ryan Lochte beat Michael Phelps to win the 200-meter individual medley at the U.S. national championships Sunday, leaving Phelps winless in four races at his biggest meet since coming out of retirement. Lochte, the world champion, led all the way and touched in 1 minute, 56.50 seconds Sunday night. He is coming off major knee surgery, which limited his training.

"This year has been up and down, but I'm glad I got a win knowing that I really haven't done the work I wanted to," he said.

Phelps, the three-time Olympic champion in the event, chased Lochte throughout and pulled into the wall second in 1:56.55. Lochte's time was second-fastest in the world



Ryan Lochte, right, jokes around with Michael Phelps during the medals ceremony in the men's 200-meter individual medley final at the U.S. nationals of swimming, Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014, in Irvine, Calif.

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this year; Phelps' was third-quickest.

"If you go out in that race it's pretty painful in the end," Phelps said.

It was Lochte's first victory of the five-day meet after finishing second in the 100 freestyle and third in the

200 backstroke.

Four months into his comeback, Phelps came up empty. He finished second in the 100 butterfly, sixth in the 100 back and seventh in the 100 free.

Olympian Tyler Clary was third in 1:57.94. □

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"That's not the reason I lost, but it didn't help," said the Frenchwoman, who lost to Keys earlier this year. "She was very aggressive, hitting all winners."

Three qualifiers advanced in other women's first-round action. Taylor Townsend outlasted Klara Koukalova, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, while Pauline Parmentier eliminated Casey Dellacqua, 7-6 (4), 6-2, and Karin Knapp upset wild-card Belinda Bencic, 6-2, 7-6 (1).

Also, Kirsten Flipkens defeated qualifier Polona Hercog, 6-3, 6-2, while Zhang Shuai beat Heather Watson, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5, and Elina Svitolina cruised past Lauren Davis, 6-3, 6-2.

In the men's draw, Tommy Robredo survived a first-set tiebreaker to advance to the second round with a 7-6 (5), 6-3 win over wild-card American Jack Sock. Fernando Verdasco needed three sets to eliminate Marcel Granollers, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (5). Three other players advanced with first career



Jack Sock returns a volley to Tommy Robredo, of Spain, at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Monday, Aug. 11, 2014, in Mason, Ohio.

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wins over their opponents, led by qualifier Benjamin Becker, whose 7-6 (5), 6-4 upset of Ivo Karlovic was the German's first win in seven matches against the 28th-ranked Croatian. Also, Philipp Kohlschreiber beat Jeremy Chardy, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, the 24th-ranked German's first win in three matches against the

Frenchman, and Lu Yen-Hsun advanced with a 6-3, 6-4 win Denis Istomin, Lu's first win in four matches against Istomin.

Qualifier Marinko Matosevic moved on with a 6-4, 7-6 (4) win over Nicolas Mahut, while Gael Monfils needed three sets to get past 63rd-ranked Federico Delbonis, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. □



Sporting Kansas City's Aurelien Collin, of France, (78) prevents a goal after goalkeeper Andy Gruenebaum was caught out of position as Vancouver Whitecaps' Sebastian Fernandez, back, of Uruguay, watches during the first half of an MLS soccer game in Vancouver, British Columbia, on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014.

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MLS Roundup Mattocks scores, Whitecaps beat Sporting KC 2-0

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) —

Darren Mattocks scored for the fourth time in the last five games to help the Vancouver Whitecaps beat Sporting Kansas City 2-0 in Major League Soccer on Sunday. The Whitecaps took the lead in the 17th minute when Sporting defender Igor Juliao and goalkeeper Andy Gruenebaum got their signals crossed after Vancouver's Pedro Morales lofted a long ball toward goal. Juliao tried to head a pass back toward Gruenebaum, but it dribbled over the line.

Vancouver doubled the advantage in the 30th minute when Morales passed the ball to Mattocks, who made no mistake in slotting a low shot past a helpless Gruenebaum for his sixth

goal of the season.

Chicago's Mike Magee scored in the 38th minute to give the Fire a 1-0 win over the New York Red Bulls.

Sean Johnson made four saves for his fourth shutout of the season and in Chicago's victory over New York. New York was called for a bad tackle in the box and goalkeeper Luis Robles made the initial save on Magee's penalty, but MaGee scored off the rebound.

At Seattle, Marco Pappa scored in the 69th minute and Gonzalo Pineda converted a penalty 6 minutes later as the Sounders beat the Houston Dynamo 2-0.

The win lifted the Sounders back to the top of the Western Conference and overall standings with 41 points. □

A Closer Look: Multitasking on mobile devices

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NEW YORK (AP) — Smartphones and tablets would be much more useful if they allowed us to multitask the way desktop and laptop computers do.

When I'm watching video, for instance, I have to pause it to read an email or text that comes in. When I'm composing a message to make plans, I have to leave the app to check the weather forecast. For the most part, I'm not able to do more than one thing at a time on a single screen. That's starting to change with Android devices, though. Windows tablets do let you run multiple apps side by side, but Windows phones do not. The iPhone and iPad don't, either.

In this installment of A Clos-

er Look, I assess some of the Android devices that offer limited multitasking. These approaches aren't as smooth as what I'm used to on Mac and Windows personal computers, but they are a start.

— SAMSUNG DEVICES:

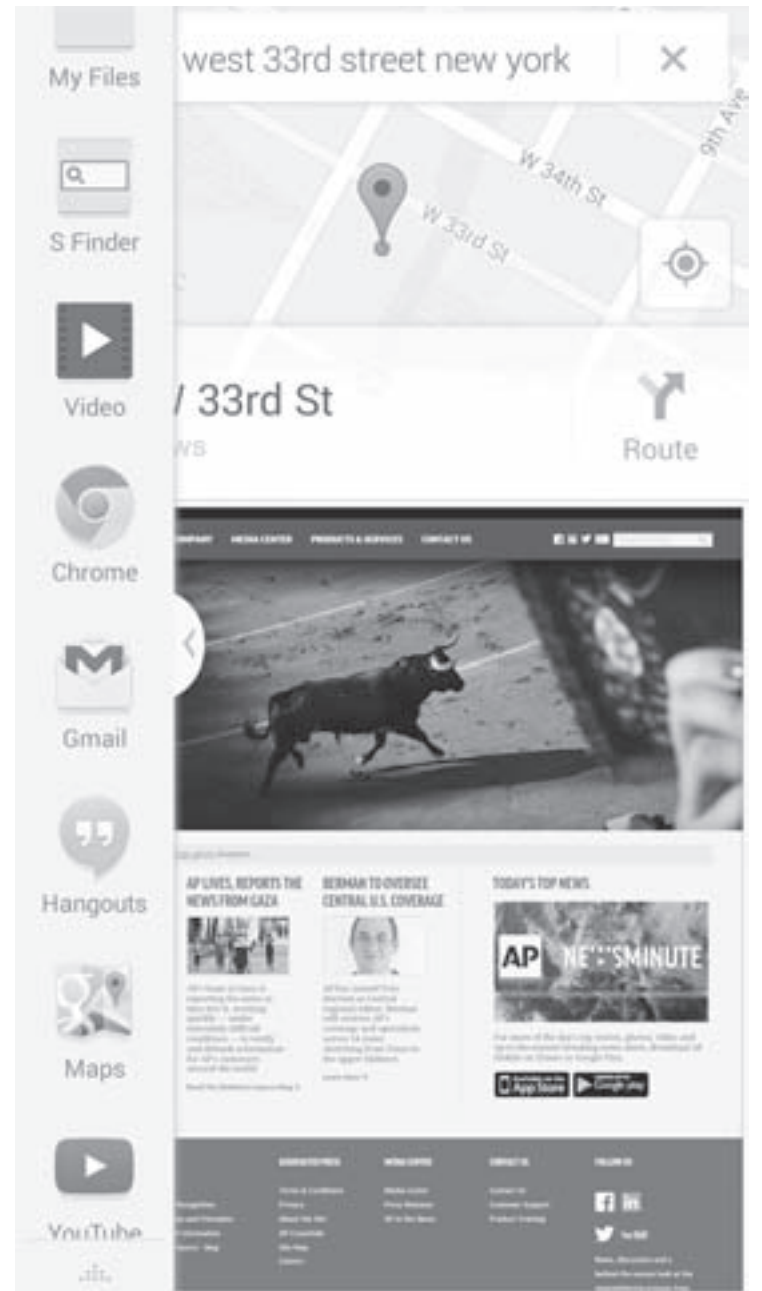
Samsung offers Multi-Window, which lets you see multiple apps running side by side on the screen. You're typically limited to two, though Samsung's 12.2-inch Pro tablets let you do as many as four. There's a slider you can use to control how much screen space each app takes.

Multi-Window works with only selected apps, though. You can use Samsung's Video or Google's Play Movies & TV app as one of the selections, but not Hulu or Netflix. Even so,

the choices have gotten better since Samsung first made this feature available in 2012.

As much as I like this concept, I've rarely used it on my two-year-old Galaxy S III. It takes me longer to figure out which apps are supported than to simply grab another device and get what I need there.

Owners of Samsung's Note smartphones and tablets also get a second way to multitask. It's called Pen Window and gets activated when you use the stylus that comes with the device. You simply use the pen to draw a box in the screen. The box floats over the main app on the screen, and apps open inside the box. You can have several apps open at once, and you can temporarily set an app aside



This screen shot taken from a Samsung Galaxy S5 demonstrates the device's Multi-Window function, which lets you run multiple apps side by side. Associated Press

Other social media back Facebook in NYC dispute

JENNIFER PELTZ

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook's fight against prosecutors over nearly 400 search warrants for users' postings and other data is drawing support from other social media companies and civil libertarians.

Lawyers for Foursquare, Kickstarter, Meetup, and Tumblr said Monday they were seeking to join the clash on Facebook's side. The New York Civil Liberties Union and the American Civil Liberties Union also have recently said they were backing Facebook. They see the warrants — for data including friend lists, photos, and private messages, many of them from users who have yet to be charged and may never be — as a troubling message for digital-age privacy. Facebook has said it had previously never received so many search warrants.

"With the burgeoning tech industry in New York, the need to protect the privacy of users has never been greater," said Richard

Holwell, a former federal judge who's now in private practice and representing the four tech companies, all New York-based.

A judge has said the search warrants were justified. So do Manhattan prosecutors, who sought the data for a sweeping disabilities-benefit fraud investigation. Some 134 people have been charged so far, more than half have pleaded guilty, and prosecutors have said more could be implicated.

"Prosecutors have a right and a responsibility to collect evidence in criminal cases, wherever that information is stored," Joan Volero, spokeswoman for the Manhattan district attorney's office, said Monday. A Manhattan judge approved the 381 warrants in July 2013, saying law enforcement has authority to search massive amounts of material to seek evidence. The case was secret until it was unsealed and Facebook disclosed it in June.

The Menlo Park, California-based company has turned over the informa-

tion but is appealing the court order that required it to do so.

The case involves police and fire retirees, allegedly instructed to claim they were too psychologically devastated to work. Instead, they led robust lives — some flew helicopters, traveled overseas, did martial arts, went fishing — and sometimes aired the alleged proof of their active lives on Facebook, prosecutors say.

Prosecutors have said they gave the judge 93 pages of details on why all the accounts were targeted.

But Facebook has said prosecutors cast too wide a net. Their campaign amounted to the online equivalent of searching "an entire neighborhood of nearly 400 homes," the company said in a June court filing. The users ranged from high school students to grandparents, Facebook said.

Over the years, online companies have sometimes won, sometimes lost, in battling authorities' demands for user information. □

by minimizing it into a small dot.

Again, this only works with selected apps.

— LG'S G3 PHONE:

LG's latest smartphone, the G3, has a Dual Window feature. Just hold the back button and choose two apps to open side by side. As with Multi-Window, you're limited in your choices. You can adjust a slider to determine how much on-screen real estate each app occupies.

The phone also has Qslide, which gives you easy access to three apps at once. Unlike Dual Window, these apps are in overlapping windows, similar to traditional PCs. There's a slider to make two of the apps semi-transparent while working on the third. So if you're composing a text message to make plans and need to see whether

you're free, you can launch a calendar through Qslide. Unfortunately, Qslide works with even fewer apps than Dual Window. For the most part, you're limited to messaging, Web browsing and tools such as the calendar and calculator. Dual Window has a few extras, including Maps, YouTube and the photo gallery. Neither offers weather or streaming video services.

— HUAWEI'S ASCEND MATE2 4G:

The Mate2 has a feature called Window on Window, or WOW. When you turn it on, a small translucent circle hovers over the home screen or any app you're using. Clicking on it gives you quick access to some basic tools — a calculator, a calendar, a note pad and text messaging. You're limited to just those four. □

Stocks edge higher on corporate news, earnings

STEVE ROTHWELL
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NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks gained on Monday as investors focused on corporate news instead of geopolitical worries. Kinder Morgan surged after announcing that it would combine a group of businesses that it controls to create the fourth-biggest U.S. energy company by market value. Banana seller Chiquita Brands Inter-

sions between Russia and the West had escalated. "We're hopeful that geopolitical tensions will ramp down," said Jim Russell, a regional investment director at US Bank. "The fundamental economic backdrop remains pretty firm, even though investment sentiment remains less than certain." The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.33 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,936.92. The

said Sunday that the group of oil and gas pipeline and storage companies that it controls will combine. Investors were also tracking corporate earnings reports. Shares of Priceline Group rose \$27.72, or 2.2 percent, to \$1,309.20 after the company reported second-quarter earnings that topped Wall Street expectations. The online travel company said the summer

percent in the period, according to data from S&P Capital IQ. That compares with growth of 4.9 percent in the second quarter last year and growth of 3.4 percent in the first quarter. Stocks have also been getting a lift as the flow of mergers and acquisitions has picked up this year. On Monday, Chiquita Brands International surged \$3.04, or 30 percent, to \$13.10 after the company received a buyout offer from investment firm Safra Group and the Brazilian agribusiness and juice company Cutrale Group. Safra and Cutrale are offering \$13 per share, a 29 percent premium to Chiquita's closing price of \$10.06 on Friday. Chiquita said its board would review it and asked shareholders to await its recommendation. The unsolicited bid disclosed Monday comes as Chiquita and Fyffes of Ireland were working on their own transaction. The two companies agreed in March to merge in a stock-for-stock deal to create the world's biggest banana supplier. Even though stocks have rallied over the last two days, investors should get used to the prospect of increased volatility in the market as the Federal Reserve nears the end of its economic stimulus program and gets closer to raising interest rates, said Kristina Hooper, US Investment Strategist at Allianz Global Investors. □



Trader Steven Kaplan, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks gained on Monday as investors focused on corporate news instead of geopolitical worries.
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

national soared after the company received a \$611 million buyout offer. The stock market was extending a rebound from Friday when it logged its biggest one-day gain in five months following signs that tensions in Ukraine might be easing. In July stocks had slumped as ten-

Dow Jones industrial average climbed 16.05 points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,569.98 percent. The Nasdaq composite gained 30.43 points, or 0.7 percent, to 4,401.33. Kinder Morgan was the biggest gainer in the S&P 500. The energy company rose \$3.25, or 9 percent, to \$39.37 after the company

season got off to a strong start. Shares of rival Expedia gained \$1.39, or 1.7 percent, to \$83.94. More than 90 percent of the companies in the S&P 500 index have now reported earnings for the second quarter. Company earnings are expected to grow by 10.1

RBS exploring sale of Coutts, its private bank unit

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LONDON - The Royal Bank of Scotland is exploring options for the international operations of its Coutts & Co. private banking unit, including possible joint ventures or a sale, according to an internal memorandum Monday. The potential sale of the Coutts International business comes as RBS, which is based in Edinburgh, reshapes its operations into a smaller, more British-focused bank with less lofty

international ambitions. The bank is 81 percent owned by the British government after a bailout during the financial crisis. As part of its reshaping, RBS undertook a review of its high-net-worth business in February. According to an internal memorandum viewed by DealBook, RBS is looking to reduce the international footprint of its private banking business and align it with its renewed strategic focus on Britain. "We will now work with lo-

cal management teams to explore options including merging the remainder of the current Coutts International business, considering joint ventures or a sale," the bank said in the memo. The Financial Times reported in July that RBS was considering a potential sale of the Coutts International business. The international business represents about 41 percent of the bank's high-net-worth operation's assets and liabilities and about 35 percent of its

revenue, according to the memo. Coutts falls under RBS's wealth segment, which posted operating profit of 221 million pounds (\$370.6 million) in 2013. Coutts & Co. was founded in 1692 and the Coutts family entered the business in 1755. The international arm of Coutts has locations in Switzerland, Monaco and parts of the Middle East and Asia. The Coutts business in Britain counts Queen Elizabeth II among its clients. □

UPDATE US Postal Service reports quarterly loss of \$2 billion

RON NIXON

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WASHINGTON - The Postal Service on Monday reported a net loss of \$2 billion in the third quarter, up from a net loss of \$740 million during the same period last year, postal officials said. But the service did report operating revenue of \$16.5 billion, a \$327 million increase over the same period in 2013. Post office officials attribute the growth to an increase in mail prices, new sales and marketing initiatives as well as continued growth in its shipping and packaging business. Total mail volume was down slightly for the quarter, 37.7 billion pieces of mail compared with 37.8 pieces over the same period last year. Shipping volume was up 7.7 percent and standard mail - also referred to as junk mail - was up nearly 1 percent. First class mail volume, the main source of revenue for the post office was down 1.4 percent, but that was offset by the price increase. Because of the net loss, the postal service said it would not be able to meet a \$5.7 billion payment for its future retiree health care fund. The payment is due Sept. 30. A 2006 law requires the service to fund its future retirees' health benefits, amounting to a \$5 billion payment each year. The post office attributes its continuing debt to those payments. The Postal Service has not made any of its health care payments over the last three years, and postal officials have called on Congress to pass legislation that will help reduce the burden of financing health care benefits in advance and overhaul its business model. Bills are pending in the House and Senate, though it is unclear whether Congress will pass legislation before the election. □

Barneys to pay \$525,000 to settle racial profiling suit

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NEW YORK - After a nine-month investigation, Barneys New York has agreed to pay \$525,000 and institute a host of reforms to settle accusations that it singled out minority shoppers for heightened surveillance at its store on Madison Avenue.

The investigation, led by the state attorney general, Eric T. Schneiderman, showed a "disproportionate number of African-American and Latino customers being de-

tained for alleged shoplifting or credit card fraud."

"Profiling and racial discrimination remain a problem in our state, but not one we are willing to accept," Schneiderman said in a statement. "This agreement will continue our work to ensure there's one set of rules for everyone in public accommodations."

The investigation was triggered by complaints from two black patrons of the store: Trayon Christian, 19, and Kayla Phillips, 21.

Christian, in a lawsuit filed

against both the city and the store in state Supreme Court, said he had purchased a Salvatore Ferragamo belt with his Chase debit card, only to be chased down and accused of stealing the item. He was stopped several blocks from the store on Fifth Avenue by plainclothes officers who questioned his ability to pay for the \$350 belt. Christian was handcuffed and taken to the 19th Precinct station house where he was held, according to the suit, for

about two hours before being freed.

Phillips described being "stopped, frisked, searched and detained" by the police at Barneys after she bought a handbag valued at more than \$2,000.

After the allegations against Barneys were made public last year, complaints that other stores had engaged in similar practices quickly surfaced.

In response, some retailers took the step of posting a Customers' Bill of Rights in their stores.

"Profiling is an unacceptable practice and will not be tolerated," reads the document. "Employees who violate the company's prohibition on profiling will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment."

In its agreement with the state, Barneys pledged to hire an "independent anti-profiling consultant with expertise in the prevention of racial profiling in loss prevention and asset protection." □

Chiquita gets buyout offer from Safra, Cutrale

NEW YORK (AP) — Chiquita Brands has received a buyout offer worth about \$611 million from investment firm Safra Group and the Brazilian agribusiness and juice company Cutrale Group. Safra and Cutrale are offering \$13 per share, a 29 percent premium to Chiquita Brands International Inc.'s closing price of \$10.06 on Friday.

Chiquita said its board would review it and asked shareholders to await its recommendation. The unsolicited bid disclosed Monday comes as Chiquita and Fyffes of Ireland were working on their own transaction. The two companies agreed in March to merge in a stock-for-stock deal to create the world's biggest banana supplier. If a transaction were to occur between Chiquita and Fyffes, Chiquita's headquarters would

move from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Dublin, a more tax-efficient corporate base.

In a letter sent to Chiquita President and CEO Edward Lonergan and Chairwoman Kerri Anderson, Safra and Cutrale said that they believe their proposed transaction doesn't have the same execution risk and uncertainty that a deal with Fyffes does. The companies also said that they think their offer gives more value to Chiquita shareholders and could be completed before year's end.

Safra and Cutrale said that they would like to hear back from Chiquita on their offer by noon on Friday. In a statement, Chiquita Brands said its board would "carefully review and consider the offer to determine the course of action that it believes is in the best inter-



Chiquita bananas are on display at a grocery store in Bainbridge, Ohio. Chiquita Brands on Monday, Aug. 11, 2014 received an approximately \$611 million buyout offer from investment firm Safra Group and agribusiness and juice company Cutrale Group.

(AP Photo/Amy Sancetta)

est of the company and its shareholders."

It advised shareholders to take no action for now and

await the board's recommendation.

But it also noted that "we continue to strongly be-

lieve in the strategic merits and value provided by the proposed deal with Fyffes PLC." □

US agency warns consumers about Bitcoin risks

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators are warning consumers about the risks of using virtual currencies such as Bitcoin.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said Monday that it will begin fielding complaints from people who rely on products such as Bitcoin and online exchanges for such currencies.

In issuing an advisory warning, the agency noted that the currencies are not backed by the government, have volatile exchange rates and are targeted by hackers and scammers. And unlike bank accounts, Bitcoin-based deposits are not federally insured.

"Consumers are stepping into the Wild West," CFPB Director Richard Cordray said in a statement.

Still, Cordray acknowledged that virtual currencies "may have potential benefits," noting that they facilitate online transactions by making it easier to process payments.

The Securities and Exchange Commission previously issued an investor alert about Ponzi schemes involving virtual currencies. Advocates for virtual currencies said they thought the CFPB's characteriza-

tion of the currencies was generally fair.

Jim Harper, global policy counsel for the Bitcoin Foundation, called the CFPB's warning "pretty standard." He noted that it's "helpful to the extent that it informs consumers without scaring them."

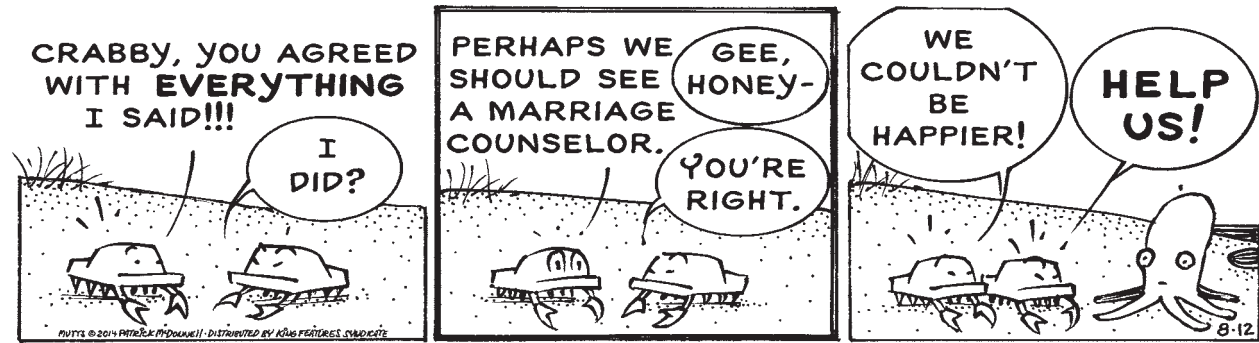
"There are consumer risks around new technologies, and even-keeled educational material from gov-

ernment agencies can help make consumers aware and savvy," Harper said.

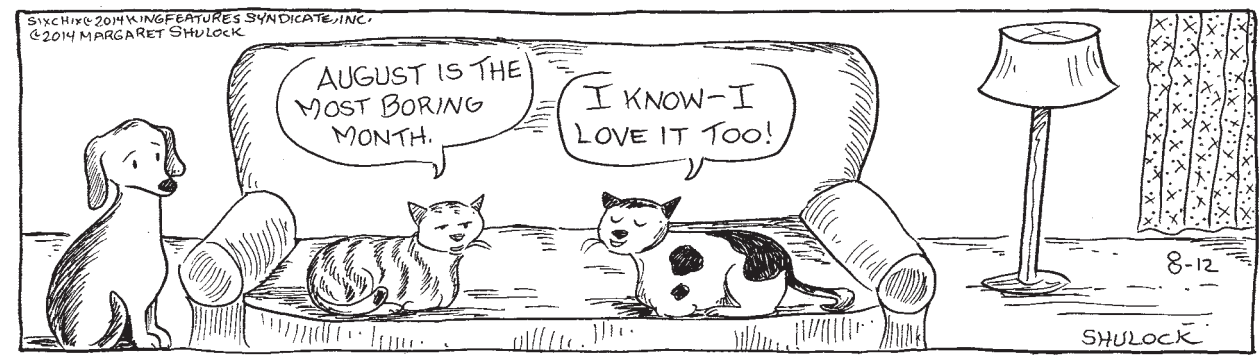
The CFPB's warning noted that Bitcoin prices can be highly volatile. In one day last year, it said, prices dropped as much as 61 percent.

But Harper said such volatility should wane in the next 10 to 15 years if virtual currencies become more common. □

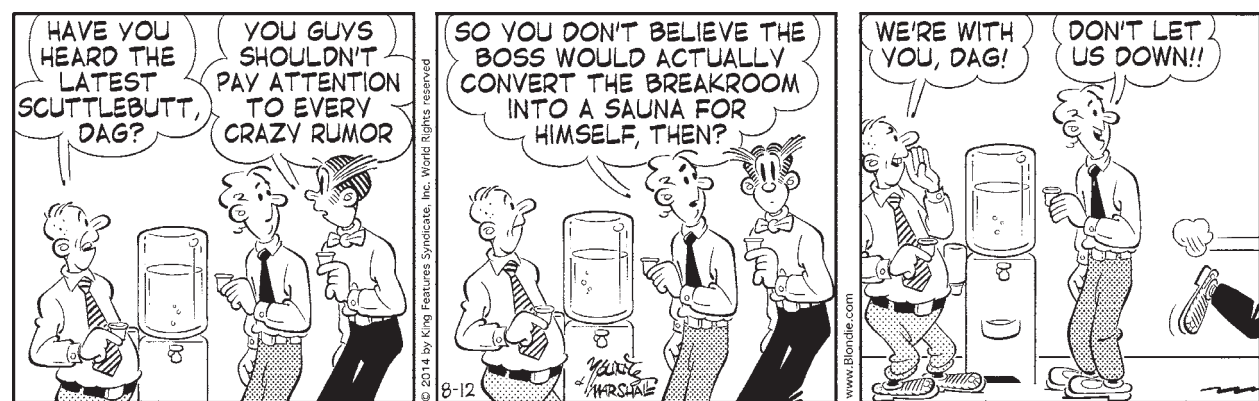
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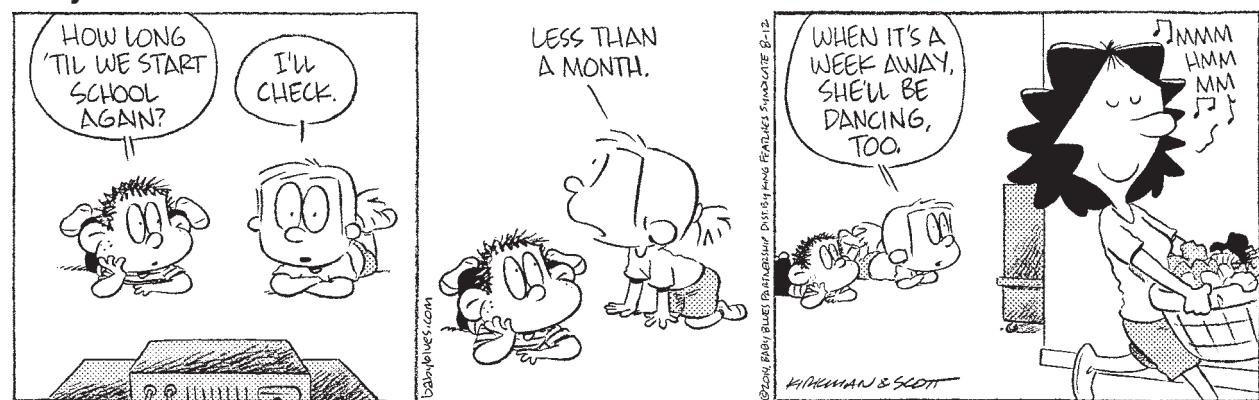
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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ACROSS

- Long tale
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- Element whose symbol is Fe
- Historical periods
- Baby hooter
- Longest river
- Play divisions
- Dig; search deeply
- ___ market; swap meet
- Worked at gathering wool from sheep
- Greasiest
- Alien's vehicle, for short
- Longed
- Piece of celery
- June honoree
- Swerves
- Remove from power
- 2,000 pounds
- Hard hat
- Actress ___ MacGraw
- Sensible
- Lamb's cry
- Abduct
- White food fish
- Turner and Koppel
- Drive too fast
- Wild blue yonder
- Unbeliever
- Irk
- Alleviate
- Baby bear
- Private refuge
- Card game
- Farmhand unit
- Groucho's prop
- Schooner or steamer
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- Wipe away
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- Lofty poems

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- Part of the foot
- Fence opening
- Attack
- Bull rider's competition
- Was in the red
- ___ the time; constantly
- ___ of; lacking
- Large mug
- Unbeliever
- Irk
- Bullfight cheers
- Shipshape
- JFK's attorney general
- Not tilted
- Hysterical with fear
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- Dutch flower
- Set ___; put on the shelf
- Boxer or collie
- Glowing coal
- Peruses
- Hidden supply
- Spinning toy
- Attila the ___
- Intertwined

- Soup server's implement
- Playfully shy
- Closest
- Hot sauce
- Contemptuous writing
- Attila the ___
- Intertwined
- Concerns
- Knocks
- Reverberate
- Threesome
- Group of actors
- Get rid of
- Laundry soap
- Primates
- Chitchat

For US Government websites; Ex-Google engineer to lead fix-it team

MICHAEL D. SHEAR
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EDGARTOWN, Mass. - Faced with the politically devastating collapse of HealthCare.gov last year, President Barack Obama's White House staff lured Mikey Dickerson away from Google to save the day. Now, Dickerson will lead a new government team that is intended to identify and fix the government's other failing computer systems and websites, officials said Monday. The decision to hire Dickerson full time is a blunt acknowledgment that even Obama's government - with a leadership that embraced technology to win two national elections - has yet to fully adopt a Silicon Valley mindset when it comes to cutting-edge computer systems and consumer-friendly Internet portals.

It is also a calculated bet that Dickerson can do from inside the government what he did as an outsider: break through the bureaucratic rules about technology procurement and standardized practices to inject a bit of innovative thinking across federal agencies. "It was a very life-changing experience," Dickerson said Monday of his role in helping to save the health care website. He said that when he was asked to permanently leave his job at Google, "there was really not any way I could say no to that."

White House officials said Dickerson would become the deputy chief information officer of the federal government and the administrator of the U.S. Digital Services Team, a small

group of technology experts whose job will be to fix the government's ancient and bloated websites. Initially, he will lead a small team that will try to help the information technology teams at various agencies produce better websites that people actually want to use. Steve VanRoekel, the federal chief information officer for e-government, noted the happy experiences people often have when they spend their mornings on Facebook, Amazon or Expedia. "They may not have the same experience spending their afternoon on government websites," he said in a conference call with reporters Monday. Dickerson said the goal of his new team was to change that. In addition to announcing his hiring, the

White House also released a draft "playbook" that agency technology officers can use to make their websites and computer systems better. The playbook is drawn in part from what Dickerson did at the Department of Health and Human Services last year. According to Dickerson, fixing what ails most government websites is not unlike the task that he faced in the winter of 2013 when he arrived in Columbia, Maryland, the nerve center of HealthCare.gov. Inside the nondescript office building where government workers and contractors were watching the health care site melt down, Dickerson was shocked: The government had none of the modern tools to track, second by second, visitors to the website. □

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Study: Keystone carbon pollution more than figured



This March 17, 2014, file photo shows a stake in the ground wrapped with tape that marks the route of the Keystone XL pipeline in Tilden, Neb. **Associated Press**

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The much-debated Keystone XL pipeline could produce four times more global warming pollution than the State Department calculated earlier this year, a new study concludes. The U.S. estimates didn't take into account that the added oil from the pipeline would drop prices by about \$3 a barrel, spurring consumption that would create more pollution, the researchers said. Outside experts not connected to the study gave it mixed reviews. The American Petroleum Institute found the study to be irrelevant because regardless of the pipeline, the tar sands will be developed and oil will be shipped by railroad if not by pipeline, spokeswoman Sabrina Fang said. The researchers estimate that the proposed pipeline, which would carry oil from tar sands in western

Canada to refineries on the Texas Gulf Coast, would increase world greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 121 million tons of carbon dioxide a year. The department said this year that at most, the pipeline would increase world carbon dioxide emissions by 30 million tons. Such emissions have been on the mind of President Barack Obama, who has said his administration would allow the pipeline to be built "only if this project does not significantly exacerbate the problem of carbon pollution." The new estimates, from scientists at the Stockholm Environment Institute, were published Sunday by the journal *Nature Climate Change*. Peter Erickson, lead author, said his work implies that the pipeline could basically wipe out reductions from some potential pollution-cutting policies under discussion. The State Department de-

clined to comment on the research by Erickson and co-author Michael Lazarus. Lower prices may sound good, but there's no free lunch, said Wesleyan University environmental economist Gary Yohe, who praised the work. "Lower fuel prices are bad if they don't include all of the social costs," Yohe wrote in an email. "Consumers are happy, but the planet is not necessarily." An increase of 121 million tons of carbon dioxide is dwarfed by the 36 billion tons of carbon dioxide the world pumped into the air in 2013. That's why University of Sussex economist Richard Tol dismissed the calculated Keystone effect as merely a drop in the bucket. If somebody is concerned about climate change, he wrote in an email, the pipeline "should be the furthest from your mind." Ken Caldeira of the Carnegie Institution of Washington agreed the amount is small, but said the concern is more about the idea of boosting emissions than the degree of change. Independent energy economist Judith Dworkin in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, dismissed the study, faulting the idea that added oil production will lower the price and boost demand. Usually, she said, it's consumption that spurs price and then oil production. □

Drought could reverse drop in Nevada tree beetles

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Scientists say there's been a significant reduction in the amount of Nevada forest under assault from bark beetles and similar bugs, but they fear lingering drought will further weaken trees and make them more susceptible to future attacks. Nevada Division of Forestry forest health specialist Gene Phillips says aerial surveys show populations of the tree-killing insects plummeted across the state last year compared to 2012 — from 500,000 acres to only about 50,000. "These are some pretty dramatic decreases," Phillips told the *Reno Gazette-Journal* (<http://tinyurl.com/mdvb5f9>). The trend was seen with the Pinyon Engraver beetle, also called the Ips, which infested some 12,000 acres of forest across Nevada in 2012. Last year, surveys concluded only about 2,500 acres were infested, a drop of more than 80 percent. Infestation by mountain pine beetles — which have decimated forests in Colorado, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia — also dropped significantly in Nevada, down from 3,650 acres to 1,100, Phillips said. The most dramatic reduction, nearly 90 percent, came in the amount of land under assault by the Pinyon needle scale, a pinhead-sized critter shaped like a bean. That infestation fell from an estimated 487,000 acres to only 49,000. Phillips said it's most likely part of a normal cycle that produces booms and busts in insect populations. Significant overpopulation of an insect species is often followed by a crash in numbers, he said. Big beetle populations can result in spikes in the number of natural predators like wasps, which then

whittle down beetle numbers. "Insect outbreaks are very cyclical," Phillips said. "They increase dramatically and they decrease dramatically. They increase and then they crash." The biggest concern is that a 3-year-old drought may continue, stressing already-stressed trees to make them more susceptible to insect attack. "It doesn't mean we might not see a dramatic increase this year," Phillips said. "If this drought continues, all tree species in Nevada are going to continue to be stressed and bark beetles sense that. That's when they get going." Healthy trees can easily fend off attacks by a limited number of bark beetles by secreting resin and essentially booting the bugs out of their bark. But when trees are stressed by drought, their defense mechanisms are weakened. Beetles can then attack successfully and while doing so, secrete perfume-like pheromones that attract hordes of more aggressive beetles than can overwhelm trees relatively quickly. Drought has resulted in huge spikes in beetle populations and widespread tree die-offs before, said Gary Blomquist, a biochemist at University of Nevada, Reno who has studied beetle pheromones. The extensive drought the Reno-Tahoe area experienced from 1987 to 1994 resulted in nearly a third of the trees in the Lake Tahoe Basin being killed by beetles, Blomquist said. That beetle infestation didn't peak until the drought had lasted four to five years, he said. "We've actually been very fortunate in this area. We haven't seen that much in the Sierra yet," Blomquist said. "We're going to see more of them." □



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Robin Williams, manic comedy star, dead at 63

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Robin Williams, the Academy Award winner and comic supernova whose explosions of pop culture riffs and impressions dazzled audiences for decades and made him a gleamy-eyed laureate for the Information Age, died Monday in an apparent suicide. He was 63.

Williams was pronounced dead at his home in California on Monday, according to the sheriff's office in Marin County, north of San Francisco. The sheriff's office said a preliminary investigation shows the cause of death to be a suicide due to asphyxia.

"This morning, I lost my husband and my best friend, while the world lost one of its most beloved artists and beautiful human beings. I am utterly heartbroken," said Williams' wife, Susan Schneider. "On behalf of Robin's family, we are asking for privacy during our time of profound grief. As he is remembered, it is our hope the focus will not be on Robin's death, but on the countless moments of joy and laughter he gave to millions."

Williams had been battling severe depression recently, said Mara Buxbaum, his press representative.

From his breakthrough in the late 1970s as the alien in the hit TV show "Mork and Mindy," through his stand-up act and such films as "Good Morning, Vietnam," the short, barrel-chested Williams ranted and shouted as if just sprung from solitary confinement. Loud, fast, manic, he parodied everyone from John Wayne to Keith Richards, impersonating a Russian immigrant as easily as a pack of Nazi attack dogs.

He was a riot in drag in "Mrs. Doubtfire," or as a cartoon genie in "Aladdin." He won his Academy Award in a rare, but equally intense dramatic role, as a teacher in the 1997 film "Good Will Hunting."

He was no less on fire in interviews. During a 1989 chat with The Associated



This March 27, 2010 file photo shows actor Robin Williams speaking at The 24th American Cinematheque Awards honoring Matt Damon in Beverly Hills, Calif. Associated Press

Press, he could barely stay seated in his hotel room, or even mention the film he was supposed to promote, as he free-associated about comedy and the cosmos.

"There's an Ice Age coming," he said. "But the good news is there'll be daiquiris for everyone and the Ice Capades will be everywhere. The lobster will keep for at least 100 years, that's the good news. The Swanson dinners will last a whole millennium. The bad news is the house will basically be in Arkansas."

Following Williams on stage, Billy Crystal once observed, was like trying to top the Civil War. In a 1993 interview with the AP, Williams recalled an appearance early in his career on "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson." Bob Hope was also there.

"It was interesting," Williams said. "He was supposed to go on before me and I was supposed to follow him, and I had to go on before him because he was late. I don't think that made him happy. I don't think he was angry, but I don't think he was pleased."

"I had been on the road and I came out, you know, gassed, and I killed and had a great time. Hope comes out and Johnny leans over and says, 'Robin Williams,

isn't he funny?' Hope says, 'Yeah, he's wild. But you know, Johnny, it's great to be back here with you.'"

In 1992, Carson chose Williams and Bette Midler as his final guests.

Like so many funnymen, he had serious ambitions, winning his Oscar for his portrayal of an empathetic therapist in "Good Will Hunting." He also played for tears in "Awakenings," "Dead Poets Society" and "What Dreams May Come," something that led New York Times critic Stephen Holden to once say he dreaded seeing the actor's "Humpty Dumpty grin and crinkly moist eyes."

Williams also won three Golden Globes, for "Good Morning, Vietnam," "Mrs. Doubtfire" and "The Fisher King."

His other film credits included Robert Altman's "Pop-eye" (a box office bomb), Paul Mazursky's "Moscow on the Hudson," Steven Spielberg's "Hook" and Woody Allen's "Deconstructing Harry." On stage, Williams joined fellow comedian Steve Martin in a 1988 Broadway revival of "Waiting for Godot."

"I dread the word 'art,'" Williams told the AP in 1989. "That's what we used to do every night before we'd go on with 'Waiting for Godot.' We'd go, 'No art. Art dies

tonight.' We'd try to give it a life, instead of making "Godot" so serious. It's cosmic vaudeville staged by the Marquis de Sade."

His personal life was often short on laughter. He had acknowledged drug and alcohol problems in the 1970s and '80s and was among the last to see John Belushi before the "Saturday Night Live" star died of a drug overdose in 1982.

Williams announced in recent years that he was again drinking but rebounded well enough to joke about it during his recent tour. "I went to rehab in wine country," he said, "to keep my options open." Born in Chicago in 1951, Williams would remember himself as a shy kid who got some early laughs from his mother — by mimicking his grandmother. He opened up more in high school when he joined the drama club and he was accepted into the Juilliard Academy, where he had several classes in which he and Christopher Reeve were the only students and John Houseman was the teacher.

Encouraged by Houseman to pursue comedy, Williams identified with the wildest and angriest of performers: Jonathan Winters, Lenny Bruce, Richard Pryor, George Carlin. Their acts were not warm and lov-

able. They were just being themselves.

"You look at the world and see how scary it can be sometimes and still try to deal with the fear," he told the AP in 1989. "Comedy can deal with the fear and still not paralyze you or tell you that it's going away. You say, OK, you got certain choices here, you can laugh at them and then once you've laughed at them and you have expunged the demon, now you can deal with them. That's what I do when I do my act."

He unveiled Mork, the alien from the planet Ork, in an appearance on "Happy Days," and was granted his own series, which ran from 1978-82.

In subsequent years, Williams often returned to television — for appearances on "Saturday Night Live," for "Friends," for comedy specials and for "American Idol," where in 2008 he pretended to be a "Russian idol" who belts out a tuneless, indecipherable "My Way."

Williams also could handle a script, when he felt like it, and also think on his feet. He ad-libbed in many of his films and was just as quick in person. During a media tour for "Awakenings," when director Penny Marshall mistakenly described the film as being set in a "menstrual hospital," instead of "mental hospital," Williams quickly stepped in and joked, "It's a period piece."

Winner of a Grammy in 2003 for best spoken comedy album, "Robin Williams — Live 2002," he once likened his act to the daily jogs he took across the Golden Gate Bridge. There were times he would look over the edge, one side of him pulling back in fear, the other insisting he could fly. "You have an internal critic, an internal drive that says, 'OK, you can do more.' Maybe that's what keeps you going," Williams said. "Maybe that's a demon. ... Some people say, 'It's a muse.' No, it's not a muse! It's a demon! DO IT YOU BASTARD!! HAHAAHAHAHAHA!! THE LITTLE DEMON!!!" □



This July 16, 2014 file photo shows actress Emma Stone arrives at the premiere of "Magic In The Moonlight" in New York.
Associated Press

Emma Stone in talks to enter 'Cabaret' as Sally

MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Emma Stone, who last year abandoned appearing in the Broadway revival of "Cabaret," might still be in need of fishnets and a bowler hat. Roundabout Theatre Company said Monday that Stone is in negotiations to make her Broadway debut as Sally Bowles. She would take over from Michelle Williams, who has extended her run as Bowles opposite Alan Cumming through

Nov. 9.

Set in 1931 Berlin, "Cabaret" centers on the world of the indulgent Kit Kat Klub as it becomes intertwined with the world outside, which gets more precarious as Nazis take over. The songs by John Kander and Fred Ebb include "Willkommen" and "Tomorrow Belongs to Me."

Williams stepped into the role, once played by Liza Minnelli, when Stone had to withdraw due to scheduling conflicts. □

Rockers, countryrockers gather to fete Skynyrd

ATLANTA (AP) — Lynyrd Skynyrd is getting the tribute treatment.

An all-star cast of performers will salute the seminal Southern rock band during the taping of "One More for the Fans! Celebrating the Songs & Music of Lynyrd Skynyrd."

The Nov. 12 concert will feature performances from Gregg Allman, Alabama, Charlie Daniels, Peter Frampton, John Hiatt, Jamey Johnson, Cheap Trick and more. The Fox Theatre event in Atlanta features a band put together by Grammy Award-winning bandleader Don Was. □



This Dec. 10, 2012 file photo shows, from left, Johnny Van Zandt, Gary Rossington and Rickey Medlocke of Lynyrd Skynyrd at the American Country Awards in Las Vegas. An all-star cast of performers will salute the seminal Southern rock back during the taping of "One More Associated Press

PBS' antiques show finds \$1 million baseball trove



This Aug. 9, 2014 photo released by Antiques Roadshow shows a collection of early Boston baseball memorabilia for the program "Antiques Roadshow" in New York.
Associated Press

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The PBS series "Antiques Roadshow" says it hit a home run with a collection of 1870s Boston baseball memorabilia.

A trove of signatures and rare baseball cards from Boston Red Stockings players was appraised at \$1 million for insurance purposes, series producer Marsha Bemko said.

She said it's the largest sports memorabilia find in the history of the 19-year-old public TV show, which travels America looking for varied heirlooms and treas-

ures.

The collection was brought to an "Antiques Roadshow" taping Saturday in New York City.

The owner inherited it from her great-great-grandmother, who ran a Boston boarding house where the team lived in 1871-72, PBS said.

The owner's identity was kept private for security reasons, PBS said Monday. The collection had not been formally valued before but the owner had once received a \$5,000 offer, PBS said.

According to "Antiques Roadshow" appraiser Leila

Dunbar, the "crown jewel" of the items is a May 1871 letter to the Boston landlady that includes notes from three future Hall of Fame members: Albert Spalding, the future sporting good magnate, and brothers Harry and George Wright. The letter included the players' appreciation for their host's cooking.

The baseball franchise is now the Atlanta Braves. Appraisals from the New York City visit will be featured in three hours of "Antiques Roadshow" episodes to air in 2015 on public TV stations. The series is broadcast on Monday nights. □

Jeff Goldblum and band to perform at Cafe Carlyle



This Feb. 6, 2014 file photo shows actor Jeff Goldblum at the screening of the film The Grand Budapest Hotel and opening night of the 64th Berlinale International Film Festival in Berlin.
Associated Press

MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Jeff

Goldblum is coming back to New York but not to act — he'll be singing.

The Cafe Carlyle said the "Jurassic Park" and "The Fly" star will perform Sept. 16-20 with his jazz band, The Mildred Snitzer Orchestra. The actor has sung and played piano with the band for years but the new dates mark their New York premiere. They're named for a friend of Goldblum's family and play improvised versions of jazz standards like "Summertime" or "The Sidewinder." The fall season at the Carlyle will also include sets by "It's Complicated" actress Rita Wilson from Sept. 24-Oct. 4. □

The Right War



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Three times before last week's decision to launch airstrikes against the self-styled caliphate, the Islamic State, President Barack Obama was urged to intervene in Middle Eastern conflicts: in Libya in the spring of 2011, in Syria from 2011 onward and in Iraq two short months ago, when Baghdad was threatened by the swift advance of the Islamic State.

In each case, there were good reasons to hesitate. In Libya, we had little to gain strategically from Moammar Gadhafi's fall, and more to fear from the vacuum that might follow. Syria was a more significant theater, and Bashar Assad's downfall a consummation more devoutly to be wished - but there as in Libya, there was little clarity about what forces (liberals? warlords? jihadis?) we would be empowering and what would follow Assad's rule.

A similar problem existed for the recent battles outside Baghdad. There was no question that America had an interest in seeing the southward advance of the Islamic State rolled back. But dropping bombs on behalf of Nouri al-Maliki's thuggish, failing government was a possible fool's errand: We would have been essentially serving as "the air force for Shia militias" (to quote David Petraeus, no dove) and by extension for the Islamic Republic of Iran.

All three situations were hard calls, and the fact that intervention in Libya and inaction in Syria produced similar outcomes - rippling chaos and jihadi gains - has allowed both hawks and doves to claim vindication.

But in all three debates, the non-interventionist position ultimately had the better of the argument. We were better off sending advisers but not warplanes when the Islamic State threatened Baghdad; we were wise not to funnel arms (or at least not that many, depending on what the CIA's been doing) into Syria's chaos; and Obama would have been wise to heed the cautious Robert Gates on Libya, rather than Samantha Power and Bernard-Henri Lévy.

The latest crisis, however, is different. This time, the case for war is much stronger, and the decision to intervene is almost certainly the right call.

In the earlier debates, the humanitarian case for action was in clear tension with strategic issues on the ground. In northern Iraq right now, the two are much more closely aligned. Alongside a stronger moral obligation to act than we had in Syria or Libya, we have a clear enough military

objective, a more tested ally in the Kurds and a plausible long-term strategy that could follow from intervening now.

The stronger moral obligation flows from two realities. First, this humanitarian crisis is one our actions directly helped create: The cleansing of Christians, Yazidis and other religious minorities began in the chaos following our invasion of Iraq, and it has taken a more ruthless turn because the Islamic State profited from the fallout from our too-swift 2011 withdrawal. (Indeed, it's often using American-made weapons to harry, persecute and kill.)

Second, the Islamic State represents a more distinctive form of evil even than a butcher like Assad. As the blogger Razib Khan argued last week, the would-be caliphate is "utopian in its fundamentals," and so its ruthless religious cleansing isn't just a tyrant's "tool to instill terror" and consolidate power; it's the point of gaining power, an end unto itself.

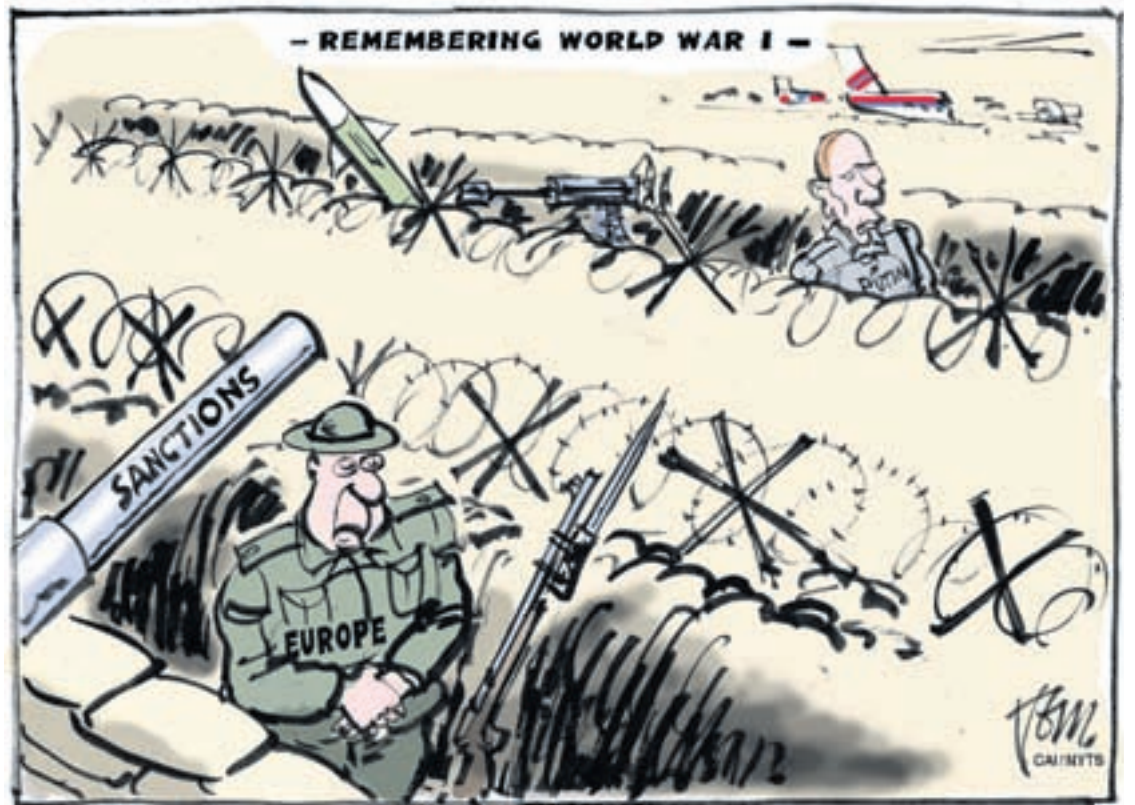
These arguments - a distinctive obligation, a distinctive (and thus potentially more expansive) evil - still do not compel action absent a clear strategic plan, which is why the president was right to hesitate to take the fight to the Islamic State around Baghdad. But in this case, such a plan is visible. We do not need to re-invade or restabilize Iraq to deal the Islamic State a blow and help its victims, because Kurdistan is already relatively stable, and the line of conflict is relatively clear. And the Kurds themselves, crucially, are a known quantity with a longstanding relationship to the United States - something that wasn't on offer in Libya or Syria.

So our intervention in northern Iraq has a limited, attainable objective: Push the Islamic State back toward the Sunni heartland, allow its victims to seek refuge in Kurdish territory and increase the Kurds' capacity to go on offense against the caliphate.

But if this president is thinking strategically, instead of just conducting a humanitarian drive-by, this intervention could also set the stage for a broader policy shift. Swiftly or gradually, depending on political developments in Baghdad, an independent, secure, well-armed Kurdistan could replace an unstable, perpetually fragmenting Iraq as the intended locus of U.S. influence in the region.

That influence will be necessarily limited: We are not going to stamp out the Islamic State on our own, or prevent the Middle East's rival coalitions - Sunni vs. Shiite, oligarchic vs. populist - from continuing their brutal proxy wars. There is not going to be a major U.S.-aligned model nation in the Arab world anytime soon, of the sort the Iraq invasion's architects naively hoped to build. But by protecting a Kurdistan that can extend protection to groups made homeless by the fighting, we can still help save something from the wreckage.

Not a model, but a refuge. □



It's A Can't-Lose Year



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Wow, it appears that Republicans in Tennessee just gave a vote of confidence to a right-wing congressman-doctor who has a history of having sex with his patients and encouraging the women in his life to end inconvenient pregnancies by abortion. This would be Rep. Scott DesJarlais, one of the most conservative members of the House of Representatives. The vote in Thursday's primary was so close that they may still be recounting on Inauguration Day.

But the real point is that DesJarlais did not get resoundingly repudiated. When the campaign began, almost everybody expected him to lose big, including the Republican establishment in Tennessee, which piled support and money on his opponent, a state senator named Jim Tracy. Tracy was, by most reports, a better retail politician. And the only genuine policy issue appeared to be whether the district would rather have, as its socially conservative representative, the doctor who was fined for carrying on sexual affairs with his patients or the other guy.

So how the heck did DesJarlais end up doing so well? Maybe it's just because he's already there. It's been a terrific primary season for incumbents. Only three

members of Congress have lost their seats: the House majority leader, Eric Cantor; 91-year-old Rep. Ralph Hall of Texas; and Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, a Michigan reindeer farmer who once said in a deposition that he sometimes believed he was truly Santa Claus. Bentivolio sort of fell into office two years ago, when a judge tossed the incumbent Republican off the primary ballot for submitting forged nominating petitions.

So despite all the whining about unpredictable voters, a seat in Congress is still a hard thing to lose. Unless you're over 90. Or if your nickname is "the accidental congressman." Or you're so pompous and self-satisfied you become the kind of guy who spends primary day out of town, having coffee with lobbyists at a Washington, D.C., Starbucks. DesJarlais had argued that his sins - which included affairs with patients that won him a fine from the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners - were all in the distant past.

Indeed, the hanky-panky that's been made public all dates back before his 2001 divorce. And there definitely should be a statute of limitations on this sort of thing. For instance, absolutely nothing a politician did in college counts, and we have totally forgotten the thing about Rand Paul kidnapping a member of the Baylor swim team and telling her to bow down and worship the god Aqua Buddha. Wiped it from the memory bank.

DesJarlais was first elected during the big anti-Obama Republican sweep of 2010. The stories of his sexual transgressions weren't really confirmed until the end of the 2012 campaign. But, since then, voters have heard quite a lot about how their anti-abortion congressman's first wife had two abortions with his consent. DesJarlais said in his divorce trial that the first was "therapeutic" and the second was because "things were not going well between us."

The transcript from the divorce proceedings also included a phone conversation in which DesJarlais nagged an ex-lover to end her pregnancy. ("You told me you'd have an abortion, and now we're getting too far along without one.") He claimed he actually just wanted her to admit that she was making the whole pregnancy story up. In the annals of explanations, it ranks right up there with "I'm leaving you because you're too good for me." It was quite a bit of information for the voters to get past, but many of them did. Maybe the key was right-wing radio hosts, who stuck with their Tea Party favorite. Maybe it was his second wife, who campaigned loyally at his side in yet another example of why being a political spouse is the worst job in America.

Maybe it was God. "I've heard him say 'God has forgiven me' many times," said Chas Sisk, the state government reporter for The Tennessean.

Americans do love a repentant sinner, and, to tell the truth, having to campaign through a sexual scandal is punishment enough for a lot of bad behavior.

But then there's the part about abortion. As a member of Congress, DesJarlais eagerly and persistently urged that women be deprived of the right to do the very thing that he seemed so enthusiastic about when an unwanted pregnancy interfered with his own life. "Dr. D's Prescription for Tennessee: Protect our traditional Tennessee values: Scott is pro-gun, pro-life and pro-marriage and PROUD OF IT," announced his first campaign website.

So, at best, we have a man who made a decision that worked for him at the time. Then he regretted it and changed his moral principles. Then he decided that nobody else was ever going to have the right to make that moral choice for herself, if he had anything to do with it.

Some things are really unforgivable. □

A College Beach Party with a Twist, And a Few Wrinkles

ARIEL KAMINER

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NEW YORK - Building a college directly atop its own beach does not at first glance seem to be a great formula for academic success. A beautiful, protected beach, no less, with gentle

ough students - at least those in their late teens and twenties - were too busy working or studying for their summer classes, several said, to take advantage of the college's most distinctive feature.

As some neighborhood mothers waddled their tod-

For a little light beach reading, he had hauled out a large paralegal textbook.

Phyllis Fintz, a retired bookkeeper, has been coming for 30 years. "I started with the beach, then I started taking classes," she said. "I graduated with a business

ly. Where else can you find a public beach where you know everyone?"

The area, like some of the beachgoers, has had many lives. In the 19th century, according to John B. Manbeck, a former Brooklyn borough historian and the founder of the Kingsborough Historical Society, it was the site of two magnificent resorts. The Oriental was an exclusive destination where guests, along with their staffs, arrived for the entire season. And at the Manhattan Beach, the beach dressing rooms were outfitted with canaries for musical accompaniment. The conductor and composer John Philip Sousa named a march after the place.

Eventually the crowds moved on, and the hotels were torn down. In the 1920s and 1930s the area was known for the Manhattan Beach baths. "I think it cost \$25 for a season, and all the big-name bands came: Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Les Brown," Manbeck said. "Danny Kaye got one of his starts here."

"December 1941, there was a band playing," he added. "They announced World War II. By that January they told everyone to clear out their lockers."

The area was repurposed as a base for the Coast Guard and the merchant marine, and so it remained for a couple of decades. In 1962, the idea arose for a new community college in Brooklyn. Manbeck said Kingsborough's first art studio was in

the former brig.

The beach, which Hurricane Sandy briefly deposited in the cafeteria, has been a part of the college ever since. A part of the college's view, that is. Between long commutes, heavy workloads, part-time jobs and family obligations, faculty members and younger students just do not seem to have enough time for lounging by the surf, college officials say. Or perhaps it is just another case of what may be called the Statue of Liberty syndrome: New Yorkers often ignore the attractions in their own backyard.

Sitting in the air-conditioned cafeteria while the cool breezes beckoned and the sea gulls gently cawed a few yards beyond, Josh Weintraub, 18, a film student, looked up from the laptop he was working on. "I haven't actually been to the beach," he admitted.

The sight of the water just through the cafeteria's floor-to-ceiling windows was pleasant, he allowed. But "it seems like it doesn't have that much effect," he said. "It doesn't make us want to wear bathing suits under our clothes and run down to get a suntan." Andrew Parra, a liberal arts student who was sitting at Weintraub's table, agreed: "It's a nice option to know it's there" he said, "but it just becomes like anything else."

And with that he and his friends turned away from the beach, and back to their laptops. □



Bob Frubell, an alumnus of Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, enjoys the relaxed atmosphere of the beach in New York. On the only college beach in New York City, there are no dance parties, but instead the beach attracts older adults who are taking courses at the institution.
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waters and a wide apron of sand. By the logic of 1960s cinema, a setting like that should make students drop their books, run outside and peel down to their bathing suits for a dance party and a bonfire.

But on the only college beach in New York City, there are no dance parties. Even when summer classes are in session, there are barely any college-age students. About the only thing that rings true to the Southern California celluloid ideal are the lifeguards - a pair of buff, blond twins who grew up just down the way.

The college in question is not one of the city's elite private institutions, but Kingsborough Community College, an institution on the southeastern tip of Brooklyn that welcomes all comers. All of its 18,000 students get access to the beach, as do all faculty and staff members. So do the 2,000 or so civilians who apply for a permit each year.

Yet on a recent afternoon, with a gentle breeze rolling in from New Jersey, the sand was only lightly dotted with towels and bodies. Kingsbor-

ders down to the water, Zachary and Brett Berliner, the lifeguards, said the real action was under the leafy canopy at the back of the beach, where "the tree people," as Zachary refers to them, gather.

Brett had a different, but equally affectionate term for them: "They're yentas." Specifically, they are participants in the school's My Turn program, which allows seniors to take up to six classes for \$80 total - beach included.

Stanley Golubow, a custard-colored man hiding from the sun under a nylon awning, a hat, a shirt, long shorts and a heavily draped towel, and his wife, Sandy, a human stick figure who had roasted to a shade of dark teak, had found their usual spot near the cafeteria. So had Efraim and Harriet Lipnik, retired teachers who come every day. (In August, the beach is open Saturdays through Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) And Jeffrey Schwarz, another retired teacher, who, like most of the others, declined to specify his age.

"This school is like my summer country club," he said.

degree. I still take classes." Brooklyn's other beaches can be crowded, they say, or noisy. Only Kingsborough combines a relaxed atmosphere, clean bathrooms, an additional measure of safety thanks to the college's security guards and a cafeteria all within steps. "It's more homey," Efraim Lipnik said. "It's more intimate than Brighton Beach, Manhattan Beach. You know everyone here, most-



Zach and Brett Berliner, who are brothers, watch over the beach at Kingsborough Community College in New York. Though the school's students and staff get access to the beach, those in their late teens and twenties seem to be too busy working or studying for summer classes to take advantage of the college's most distinctive feature.
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